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**GOVT: ONLY 30 FLIGHTS A WEEK BETWEEN INDIA, UK FROM JAN 8**

Only 30 flights per week will operate between India and the UK when services resume from January 8, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced on Friday, and said this arrangement will continue till January 23. Indian and UK carriers will each be operating 15 flights per week during the said period to and from Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad only.

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# Union Bank of India

Doddabelavangala Branch, Vinutha Nilaya, Doddabelavangala 561204, PH: 8328501207

## SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest ( Enforcement) Rule, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Doddabelavangala Branch** ( Secured Creditor) will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** on **18.01.2021 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm** , for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

| S.L | Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor | Amount due | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Description of immovable secured assets to be sold |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(1) Harish Kumar** S/o Hanumanarasiah, Lingapur, Sakkaregollahalli, Doddabelavangla, **(2).Beemakka @ Veena** w/o Hanumantharaju, 116, Belagumba Road, N.R. Coleny, Tumkur, **(3).Venkataram L.V.** S/o Venkataswamy, Lingapur, Sakkaregollahalli, Doddabelavangla. | **Rs. 10,20,299/-** (Rupees Ten Lakhs Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Nine only) | **Rs.16,50,000/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) | **Rs.1,65,000 /-** (Rupees One Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Only) | All that piece and parcel of house and vacant site in the name of Mrs. Beemakka @ Veena w/o late Hanumanthraju, CMC Khata No. 299/299 Property No. 1010 site No. 153, N.R. coleny, Extension, Tumkur town Measuring 600 sq.fts. Bounded North: site No. 154, South :Govt. Road, East :Site No. 164, West: 10 Fts. Road. |
| 2 | **(1).Lakshamma** W/o D.M. Shivanna, Thotda Mane, Doddabelavangala-561 204, **(2).D.M. Shivanna,** Thotda Mane, Doddabelavangala-561 204, | **Rs. 10,10,867/-** (Rupees Ten Lakh Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Only) | **Rs. 21,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Only) | **Rs. 2,10,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) | All that piece and parcel of house , situated at Sy. No. 2/12, Gram Panchayat No. 84/103 ( New) Doddabelavangala measuring 1200 sq.fts. bounded : North: Road, South : Land of Shashikala, East: Land of Rajanna, West: Land of Channappa. |
| 3 | **(1).Mahaboob Pasha,** S/o Kasim Sharif, Puttaiahana Agrahara, Madure Hobli-561 203, **(2).Shaik Riyaz,** S/o Abdul RazakSab,PuttaiahanaAgrahara,MadureHobli-561203, | **Rs. 3,59,308/-** (Rupeees Three Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eight Only) | **Rs. 4,10,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakhs Ten Thousand Only) | **Rs. 41,000/-** (Rupees Forty One Thousand Only) | All that piece and parcel of house property bearing KhataNo.77/171(old), Khata No. 171/2 ( New) measuring 837 Sq.fts. situated at Puttaiahana Agrahar, Madure Hobli, Honnavar Gram Panchayat. Bounded North: Property of Narasihma Murthy, South: Road , East: Property of Narasihm Murthy, West: Property of Anjinappa. |
| 4 | **(1).Hanumantharaju,** S/o Krishanappa, Hadripura Kadanur Post, Doddabelavangal-561 204 **(2). Manjunath H.K.** S/o Krishnappa, Hadripura Kadanur Post, Doddabelavangal-561 204 **(3).Lakshamamma,** W/o Hanumanthraju, Hadripura KadanurPost,Doddabelavangal-561204. | **Rs. 9,00,260/-** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Two Hundred Sixty Only) | **Rs. 12,50,000/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) | **Rs. 1,25,000/-** (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only) | All that piece and parcel of house and vacant property bearing Khata No. 17 (old Khata No. 101/3), Assessment No. 72 and Khata No. 71 measuring 1200 sq.fts. situatedat HadripuraGramPanchayat, Doddabelavangala Bounded North: 12 feet common passage , South: Property of Govindappa, East: Property of Siddagangaiah, West: Propertyof Shanthamma. |
| 5 | **(1).Shaikh Riyaz,** S/o Abdul Razak Sab, Puttaiahana Agrahara, Madure Hobli-561203. **(2).Rameeza Bee,** W/o Razak Baig, Puttaiahana Agrahara, Madure Hobli-561203. | **Amount due : Rs. 9,45,625/-** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only) | **Reserve Price: Rs. 7,00,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Only) | **EMD Amount: Rs. 70,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Thousand Only) | **Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: (1).**All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No. 169, Khata No. 76, measuring east to west 10.25 feets and north to south 53 feets situated at puttaiahana Agrahar, Madure hobli, Honnavar Gram Panchayat. Bounded North: Public Road, South: Property of Sabu Sabi East: House of Venkataramanappa , West: Property of Shaik Riyaz. **(2).** All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No. 169/1, Khata No. 194 , measuring east to west 10.25 feets and north to south 53 feets situated at puttaiahana Agrahar, Madure hobli, Honnavar Gram Panchayat. Bounded North: Public Road, South: Property of Sabu Sabi , East: Property of Shaik Riyaz, West: Vecant site of Ramaiah. **(3).**All that piece and parcel of house property bearing No. 45/1, Khata No. 195 , measuring east to west 22.25 feets and north to south 30 feets situated at puttaiahana Agrahar, Madure hobli, Honnavar Gram Panchayat. Bounded North: Property of Papanna, South: Property of Kunchagappa East: Property of Shaik Riyaz & Siraz , West: Road |

**For Detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in (1) https://www.ibapi.in (2) www.unionbankofindia.co.in The intending purchaser require to register through : https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp , The online E-auction will be held through website: www.mstcecommerce.com**

**STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

**Place: Doddabelavangala**
**Date: 31.12.2020**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**For Union Bank of India, Doddabelavangala Branch**

# UNION BANK OF INDIA

**REGIONAL OFFICE - BANGALORE SOUTH**

**#10A, Chandra Kiran", Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 56001 Ph: 22958250, 22958251**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Union Bank of India (secured creditor), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"**on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union Bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Bannerghatta Road Branch (e-Andhra Bank) Mob: 9703392384, E-mail: bm1196@uinonbankofindia.com** |
|---|---|
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. M/s. Prabhavathi Builders, 80 2nd Floor 1st Cross 4th Main, Sahakar Sanga Layout BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560076. 2. Mr. Praveen Kumar B E S/o Ekambaram, 3. Mrs. Nandini R W/o Mr. Praveen Kumar B E Both are residing at No 65 Aruna Nilaya Yagana, 4th Cross 39th A Main Rarshtrakavi Kuvempu Nagar BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076.** | **Amount due: Rs.25,06,71,141/- (Twenty Five Crore Six Lakhs Seventy One Thousand One Hundred and Fourty One Only)with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of entire Second and third Floor of Commercial space in with basement+G+3 Floors in office complex building named as "Prabhavathi Castle N.K" totally admg.12250 S.ft.,at Site No.13(Old No.331&331B), PID No.65/138/13, 2nd Cross Road, Industrial Area, N.S.Palya, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore and within following four boundaries: East by: Land belongs to D.Ashok Kumar & Gollappa ; West by: Land belongs to Sulochana: North by: Land belongs to Vasantha Kumari; & South by: Road Reserve Price : Rs. 11,83,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Crore Eighty Three Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.1,18,30,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Bangalore Jaya Nagar Branch (e-Corporation bank) Ph: 9449660926, E-mail: cb0074@unionbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: Mr. Vijay K G & Mrs. Meghavathi A, SIGMA SERENITY, Flat No. 009, "A" Block, Ground Floor, Sy. No. 223, Indalabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru.** | **Amount due:Rs.38,74,000 ( Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **SIGMA SERENITY, Flat No. 009, "A" Block, Ground Floor, Sy. No. 223, Indalabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru.<br>Built up Area: 1007 Sq fts. UDS -372 Sft.<br>Reserve Price : Rs. 22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. Mr. Abinand M, 2. Mrs. Leelavathi A, both are residing at Flat No. 427/29, 2nd Floor, Pandyan Layout, Kithaganahalli, Chandapura, Bengaluru – 560099.** | **Amount due:Rs.1,00,17,000/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property : 3BHK Residential Property bearing Flat No. 209, G-2 Wing,First Floor, Chaurasia Manor, Phase II, Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru 560 103 with Super Built up area 1530 Sqfts alongwith UDS of 474 Sqfts.<br>Schedule of Land: East by: Land bearing Sy. No. 70, West by: Land bearing Sy. No. 73/1, North by: Road & Sy No. 74 & South by: Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4.<br>Schedule for flat: East by: Coridor & Flat No. 208, West by: Open to Sky, North by : Flat No 210, South by: Open to Sky<br>Reserve Price : Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. Mr. B. Dhanunjaya, 2. Mrs. D. Lakshmi, Both are residing at No. 305, 2nd Floor, Sri Mallikarjuna Residency, 80 Feet Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Gubbalala Village, Bengaluru 560061.** | **Amount due: Rs.75,81,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Eighty one Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property : Flat No. FF-3, First Floor, Varaha Residency, Hosakerahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 160, Bengaluru with Super Built up area of 1435 Sq.fts alongwith UDS of 300 Sqfts.<br>Schedule for land: by East: by Conservancy, West: by Road, North: by Northern portion site No. 115 & South by: 40 feet road.<br>Schedule for flat: East :by Road, West : by Flat No. FF-4, North: by Flat No. FF-2 & South: by Road.<br>Reserve Price : Rs.46,40,000/- (Rupees Fourty Six Lakhs Fourty Thousand Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.4,64,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fourty Thousand Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. Mr. Pattabhi Ramarao, 2. Mrs. G. Bhavani, Both are residing at No. 108, B Block, Gagan Vihar Apartment, Ideal Homes Township, R R Nagar, Bengaluru-560098** | **Amount due: Rs.67,19,000/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property : Flat No. FF-5, First Floor,Varaha Residency, Hosakerahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No. 160, Bengaluru with Super Built up area of 1247 Sqfts & UDS of 250 Sqfts.<br>Schedule of land: East: by Conservancy, West by: Road, North by : Northern portion site No. 115. & South by: 40 feet road.<br>Schedule of Flat: East by: Flat No. FF 2, West by: Road, North by: Flat No. FF 6, & South by : Flat No. FF- 4<br>Reserve Price : Rs.41,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty One Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.4,10,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Ten Thousand One Hundred Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1.Mr.Pratap Singh. R. 2.Mrs.Chandarvidya Iyer, Both are residing at No. 203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560098.** | **Amount due: Rs.1,04,61,000/- (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property :Flat No. 109, G-2 Wing, Ground Floor, Chaurasia Manor, Phase II, Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru 560 103 with a Super built up area of 1530 Sqfts alongwith UDS of 474 Sq fts.<br>Schedule for land: East : by land bearing Sy. No. 70, West: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/1, North : by Road & Sy. No. 74 & South: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4.<br>Schedule for flat: East: by Corridor & Flat No. 108, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No. 110 & South: Open to sky.<br>Reserve Price : Rs. 47,00,000/- (Rupees Fourty Seven Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.4,70,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy Thousand Four Hundred Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. Mr. Sachin Krishna Bhirud, 2.Mrs. Kirti Sachin Bhirud, Both are residing at No.203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 098.** | **Amount due: Rs.87,02,000/- (Rupees eighty Seven Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property :Flat No.409, G-2 Wing, Third Floor, Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Chaurasia Manor, Phase II, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru 560103 with a Super Built up area of 1530 Sqfts alongwith UDS of 474 Sqfts.<br>Schedule for land: East : by land bearing Sy. No. 70, West: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/1, North : by Road & Sy. No. 74 & South: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4.<br>Schedule for flat: East: by Corridor & Flat No. 408, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No. 410& South: Open to sky<br>Reserve Price : Rs.50,00,000 /- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only).** | |
| **Branch name, address & Contact No.** | **Jalbhavan Branch, Bengaluru (e Corporation Bank) Mob: 9031434947, E-mail: cb0714@uinonbankofindia.com** |
| **Name of the Borrower & Guarantor/s: 1. Mr. Shivanna Manjunath, 2. Mrs. Bhagyalakshmi, Both are residing at 515/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Kavika Layout Bengaluru 560026** | **Amount due: Rs.1,00,15,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Thousand Only) with interest accrued thereon.** |
| **Description of the Immovable Property :Flat No.309, G-2 Wing, First Floor, Chaurasia Manor, Phase II, Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru 560103 with a Super built up area of 1530 Sqfts alongwith UDS of 474 Sqfts.<br>Schedule for land: East : by land bearing Sy. No. 70, West: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/1, North : by Road & Sy. No. 74 & South: by Land bearing Sy. No. 73/4.<br>Schedule for flat: East: by Corridor & Flat No. 308, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No. 310 & South: Open to sky<br>Reserve Price : Rs.50,00,000 /- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only). Earnest money to be deposited: Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only).** | |

**Date & Time of E-Auction for the above properties is On 18.01.2021 at 11.00a.m.-01.00 p.m. (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)**
**For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.ibapi.in, and www.unionbankofindia.co.in**
**For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**

**Date: 02.01.2021, Place: Bangalore** — **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India**

# कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
## पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–1, धनबाद

**शुद्धि–पत्र**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अति अल्पकालीन ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना संख्या DHANBAD-1/OandM/01/2020-21(2nd call) जो सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग के PR संख्या 238235 द्वारा प्रकाशित है, में निम्नलिखित संशोधन संसूचित किया जाता है।

| क्र. | पूर्व में प्रकाशित सूचना | संशोधित सूचना |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | बीड प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय : 02.01.2021, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। | दिनांक 07.01.2021, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। |
| 2 | परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि जमा करने की तिथि। 04.01.2021, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। | दिनांक 08.01.2021, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। |
| 3 | तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : 05.01.2021, 05.00 बजे अपराह्न | दिनांक 09.01.2021, 05.00 बजे अपराह्न |

शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगी।

**PR 238611 Drinking Water and Sanitation(20-21).D**

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता,
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या–1, धनबाद

# STATE BANK OF INDIA

**Authorised Officer's Details:**
**Name: Y.N.Mandavi**
**E -Mail Id: cmcreditr1.nw1ao1bng@sbi.co.in**
**Mobile No: 9986000412**
**Land Line No. (Office): 080 -25943611,**

**Address of the Branch:**
**Tippu Sultan Palace Road Branch (70242)**
**Minto Anjaneya Bhavan, A.V. Road,**
**Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018, Telephone:080-26703091**
**Emial ID: sbi.70242@sbi.co.in**

**"APPENDIX- IV-A**
**[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]**

## Sale notice for sale of immovable property

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **16.01.2021** for recovery of **Rs.45,95,898**/- (Rupees Forty-five Lakh Ninty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninty Eight Only) as on **31.12.2020** and interest from **01.01.2021** at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges, etc., due to the Bank, the Secured Creditor from **Mr. Gururaj S Lingashetty** S/o Late Sadashivappa G Lingashetty, The Reserve Price will be **Rs. 31,32,000.00** (Rupees Thirty One Lahks Thirty Two Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit will be **Rs.3,13,200.00** (Rupees Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred Only). Last Date within which EMD to be remitted is **14.01.2021.**

**Description of Properties**

**Tender No.: SBI/ Tippu Sultan Palace Road Branch /02/2020-21**
**Name of the title deed holder: Mr. Gururaj S Lingashetty S/o Late Sadashivappa G Lingashetty,**
**SCHEDULE A PROPERTY:** All that piece and parcel of converted land to an extend of 0-36 Guntas in Sy No.66/10 of Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bangalore South Taluk presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore and which is duly converted from Agricultural purpose to Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide conversion order Official Memorandum No. BDS:ALN:SR(S)108/2004-05 dated 29.06.2004 and bounded on: East by: Land belonging to Sri.Hanumanthappa & Sons, West by: Real House Apartments developed by M/s Realwealth House Private Limited, North by: Government Drain, South by: Government Road.
**SCHEDULE B PROPERTY:** Residential flat/Apartment bearing No.FF-13 in the First Floor in "Real Home Stylish Apartment" having 1111 Sq. feet/ 103.21 Sq. meters of Super Built Up Area having constructed with RCC roofing, Ceramic/Vitrified flooring, aluminum powder coated sliding windows and sal wood door frames with flush shutters for all internal doors including 1.94% of undivided right and interest in the Schedule A Property which works out to 761.04 Sq. feet/ 70.07 Sq. meters together with proportionate share of common area.

For further details regarding inspection of property the intending bidder may contact the **Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Tippu Sultan Palace Road Branch (70242), Minto Anjaneya Bhavan, A.V. Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018, Telephone:080-26703091, Emial ID: sbi.70242@sbi.co.in or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Jagadeesh N 9902401486 Sridevi Resolution Pvt Ltd and also may contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, Gurgaon at the web portal (https://bankeauctions.com). (www.tenders.gov.in and Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.sbi.co.in.) Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, karnataka@c1india.com** for any information on procedure of e-auction.

**Date : 31.12.2020**
**Place: Bengaluru**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**State Bank of India, Tippu Sultan Palace Road Branch**

# केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
**SPECIALIZED NRI BRANCH BSNL COMPLEX , S V Road, Bangalore - 560 008**
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## E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
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| 4. | Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender | **03.02.2021 up to 5.00 P M** |
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## NEW BANK RULES FOR DIGITAL PAYMENTS KICK IN

**From January 1, cheques above ₹50,000 will need reconfirmation of certain details as a fresh safety layer**

### POSITIVE PAY SYSTEM

1 Under the 'positive pay system' rolled out by the Reserve Bank of India a couple of months ago to detect fraudulent activity, the issuer of large-value cheques above ₹50,000 will need to furnish certain minimum details such as the name of the beneficiary/payee and amount electronically via SMS, mobile app, internet banking or ATM to the drawee bank

2 Such details are then cross-checked with the presented cheque by Cheque Truncation System (CTS), which will flag discrepancies, if any, to the drawee bank and presenting bank, who would then take redressal measures

3 CTS does this by matching specific information related to the cheque presented for clearing, like the cheque number, cheque date, payee name, account number, amount, and other details against a list of cheques previously authorised and issued by the account holder

### CONTACTLESS CARD TRANSACTION LIMIT

The RBI has also increased contactless card transaction limit from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000 with effect from January 1. The same has been done for e-mandates for recurring transactions through cards and the Unified Payment Interface

Contactless card payments are done without punching in the PIN, which makes it a safe mode of transaction in the current circumstances

### ACCOUNT HOLDER'S DISCRETION

The account holder can decide whether to avail the positive pay system, but banks may consider making it mandatory for cheques worth ₹5 lakh & above


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(From left) Amid strict Covid safety protocols, a student attends regular classes at a school in Bengaluru; Authorities at a school in Hubballi check a girl's temperature before allowing her to enter; and a teacher lectures in a class with fewer students at the Maharani's PU College in Mysuru, on Friday | MEGHANA SASTRY, HEMANTH D, UDAYSHANKAR S

# IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL

Celebratory mood as children greeted with sweets; attendance expected to improve from next week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER several months, school and pre-university colleges threw open their gates for students of Classes 10 and 12 on the first day of new year with all Covid-19 safety norms in place. Simultaneously, the Vidyagama programme was restarted for students of Classes 6 and 9. But attendance was below expectations.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said 16,850 high schools which have 9,27,472 Class 10 students, saw 41 per cent attendance across Karnataka, while the attendance for the Vidyagama scheme was still being tabulated. The 5,492 pre-university colleges under the state board saw 32.56 per cent attendance from a total of 2,41,965 students.

Among the districts, Dakshina Kannada recorded the highest turnout with 62 per cent in attendance. Some schools had exceptional attendance. For instance, Golavada in Sirsi saw 45 out of 52 children attending physical classes. A school in Madhugiri's Badavanahalli saw 170 out of 180 in attendance.

In Bengaluru, D Shashi Kumar, General Secretary of Karnataka Associated Managements of English Medium Schools (KAMS), said three lakh students in attendance is an underestimation as it was based on the data fed in the SATS system. He said, as per information from budget private schools in the state, more than 75 per cent students had attended offline classes. P4

# First Covid-19 vaccine shot just a few days away in India

Oxford vaccine gets emergency use approval

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@ New Delhi

HEALTHCARE workers across India may be just a few days away from getting shots against Covid-19, as an expert panel of the Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) on Friday granted emergency use authorisation to the vaccine candidate developed by Oxford University-AstraZeneca.

The Pune-based Serum Institute of India is its local partner and had already manufactured the vaccine, under the brand name, Covishield.

The official confirmation of the approval, however, is yet to follow. Also, it is not clear under what conditions has the approval been granted or the quantum of vaccines the government will immediately procure from for one of the world's largest vaccination drives ever.

Sources said data from the vaccine's late stage clinical trials in the UK and Brazil, safety and immunogenicity data from its bridging trial in India and the approval granted by the UK regulator to the vaccine, were taken into account for making the recommendation.

"The first vaccine against Covid-19 has been approved in India but the first beneficiaries may be about a week away from getting the actual shots as transportation of the vaccines has to be done under specified conditions," a top official in the Union ministry of health and family welfare told this newspaper.

The subject expert committee of the CDSCO, which also considered Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech's candadate, felt the company needs to present at least an interim analysis of its phase 3 clinical trial. "The panel was of the view that the data from phase 1 and 2 are not sufficient to approve it for wider use in the country," said a source. P11

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration on Covid-19 will likely meet on Saturday and share specific details with SII on how many vials per state are to be sent
- Special cargo planes with cold storage space and refrigerated vans may start ferrying vials of the vaccine from Pune
- SSI, under the supervision of the Union and state governments, will be responsible for transportation
- From state capitals, vials will be distributed to district headquarters before they reach inoculation centres
- Initial lots of the vaccine will be sent to government hospitals, PHCs or large private hospitals where healthcare and frontline workers will be inoculated
- Polling booths, wedding and community halls, and mobile vans could then be converted into temporary vaccination centres where those above 50 and people with serious comorbidities will be vaccinated against Covid-19

## Five districts gear up for dry run today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE stage is set for a dry run of the Covid-19 vaccination drive in the five districts of Bengaluru Urban, Kalaburgi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Shivamogga. The BBMP has identified three primary health centres in the city for the exercise on January 2.

The dummy run will be conducted at the Vidyapeetha Urban PHC in the BBMP South Zone, Kamakshipalya PHC in West Zone and Hargade PHC in Anekal. "All arrangements have been made to conduct the mock trials in the scope of the policy and the officers/staff concerned will be trained on the vaccination rollout," said Palike Administrator Gourav Gupta. There will be a two-hour training, with 25 identified health workers in each PHC. A total of 1,517 health centres have been identified for vaccination in the city and the government plans to begin vaccination either this month or in February.

EXPRESS READ

### Mysuru Shatabdi to run from Monday

Chennai: Southern Railway has announced four reserved special trains, including a Chennai-Mysuru Shatabdi, that will be introduced from January 4.

### India slams Pak over temple vandalisation

New Delhi: India has lodged a strong protest with Pakistan over the vandalisation of a Hindu temple in Karak district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and sought strict action.

### Brother to join BJP from TMC: Suvendu

Nandigram (WB): BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari on Friday said his disgruntled brother and TMC leader Soumendu will join the saffron camp along with a host of other leaders.

# GST mop-up zooms to all-time high of ₹1.15L cr

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@ New Delhi

GOODS and services tax (GST) collections soared to an all-time high of ₹1.15 lakh crore in December 2020, helped by better compliance by companies following the I-T department's crackdown on tax evaders and pick-up in economic activities.

The mop-up in GST, which is levied when a consumable item is sold or a service rendered, was 12% higher than that in the same month in 2019.

The latest GST mop-up, which had plummeted to ₹32,172 crore in April 2020 in the wake of the Covid-19 lockdown, marks the highest since the indirect tax regime was rolled out in 2017. The highest collection to date was ₹1,13,866 crore in April 2019.

"This is the highest growth in monthly revenues for the last 21 months. This has been due to the combined effect of the rapid economic recovery post-pandemic and the nation-wide drive against GST evaders and fake bills along with many systemic changes introduced recently, which have led to improved compliance," the finance ministry said.

Of the total GST revenue of At ₹1,15,174 crore, Central GST was ₹21,365 crore, State GST ₹27,804 crore, while Integrated GST stood at ₹57,426 crore. The Cess collection stood at ₹8,579 crore.

"The government settled ₹23,276 crore to CGST and ₹17,681 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. The total revenue earned by the Union government and the state governments after regular settlement in the month of December 2020 was ₹44,641 crore for CGST and ₹45,485 crore for the SGST," the finance ministry added.

### MULTIPLE REASONS

According to the finance ministry, "the combined effect of the rapid economic recovery post pandemic and the nation-wide drive against GST evaders and fake bills along with many systemic changes introduced recently" helped improve collections

Health Minister K Sudhakar meets with the Vision Group in Vidhana Soudha on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## At 10, K'taka has most cases with UK strain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has so far the highest number of cases in the country of people infected with the new UK variant of the SARS-CoV2 virus. On Friday, three new positive cases of the UK strain were reported, taking the total in the state to 10.

Of the first lot of 15 positive samples that were sent for genome sequencing, seven returnees were found to have the UK strain. Later, 12 more samples were sent for sequencing, of which three were found to have the new strain on Friday. The genome sequencing results of nine more samples are expected in two days.

Of the three fresh cases, a woman and her daughter are residents of Rajajinagar 1st Block in West Zone. The daughter, aged 40, flew down from the UK on December 19 to meet her father who is unwell and in the ICU. The daughter tested for Covid-19 on December 24 and her 73-year-old mother the next day. They have been admitted to KC General Hospital and their genomic results came out positive for the new strain. P5

PILING PRESSURE

## HARD TALK BY UNIONS BEFORE MONDAY TALKS

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PROTESTING farmer unions on Friday threatened to intensify their agitation if the Centre does not accept their core demands of repealing the three contentious farm laws and legal guarantee for the minimum support price system during their next round of talks on Monday. From a tractor march to an awareness drive, the unions finalised a clutch of programmes to scale up pressure on the Centre.

On the 37th day of protests, a meeting of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, an umbrella body of 40 farmer unions, decided to hold their twice-postponed tractor march at Kundli-Manesar-Palwal on January 6 if Monday's talks fail to offer any headway. A national awareness programme, called Desh Jan Jagruti Abhiyan, from January 7 to 20 to counter the Centre's narrative, was part of the basket of initiatives decided by the morcha, said Yogendra Yadav, president of Swaraj India.

"We will intend to announce dates for shutting all malls and petrol pumps in Haryana if the talks fail," said another farmer leader.

During the last round of talks, the Centre accepted two of their four demands — on stubble burning penalty and electricity tariff — but the core issues were left unaddressed.

Children help prepare meals for farmers at a community kitchen at Singhu border in Delhi on Friday | SHEKHAR YADAV

PROMISE OF CHEAP SITES

# *Film producer's 'plot' finally busted after two-year run*

MANJU SHETTAR @ Bengaluru

FOR over two years, a 29-year-old man who is said to have produced one Kannada film and directed another, allegedly cheated prospective home buyers by promising them lower rates.

He managed to collect up to Rs 2 crore by allegedly fleecing his victims this way until his luck ran out on Thursday. He was caught red-handed while demanding more money from one of his victims.

Hari Prasad

The Mahalakshmi Layout police on Thursday arrested the 'film producer' **Hari Prasad alias Sriharsha alias Harivardhan** — a resident of Basaveshwaranagar, against whom several complaints had been filed by his victims at the Banaswadi, CK Achchukattu, Vidhana Soudha and Madiwala police stations.

The police said Prasad claimed to be an officer in the Housing Board and cheated several people including businessmen, realtors and even widows, many of who are complainants. However, despite a series of complaints, Prasad had managed to dodge the law for over two years.

A senior police officer said, Prasad was arrested based on a complaint by Ganesh Hegde, an astrologer. He was caught red-handed when he approached Hegde to collect the second instalment in Mahalakshmi Layout.

Hegde had paid about Rs 2 lakh as application fee while Prasad demanded Rs 4 lakh to proceed with getting him a site. After paying the first tranche, Hegde realised that he was being cheated and approached the police on December 24.

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Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

**WEATHER**
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# From Monday, you can take a train to airport

Rail Board gives nod on Friday; three new services to be added; ride to cost ₹10 to ₹15

**MORE RAIL LINKS TO AIRPORT**

Train no 06285 starts at 4.45 am from KSR and reaches KIAD halt at 5.50 am. Train no. 06286 starts at 10.30 pm, reaches KIAD at 10.37 pm, Cantonment at 11.35 pm and terminates at City at 11.55 pm.

Train no. 06287 starts at 7 am, reaches KIAD at 7.20 am. Train no. 06288 departs from Devanahalli at 6.15 am.

Train no 06283 starts at 9 pm from KSR, reaches KIA Halt at 10.05 pm. No 06284 starts from Devanahalli at 7.45 am, stops at KIA at 7.50 am and terminates at Bengaluru Cantonment at 8.50 am.

Train no. 06279 starts at Yesvantpur at 8.30 am and stops at KIADB 9.16 am. It starts at 4 pm from Bangapet, stops at KIA Halt at 6.42 pm and terminates at KSR at 8.20 pm.

Train no. 06269 starts at Cantonment and stops at KIA at 6.50 pm. Train no. 06270 starts at Yesvantpur at 5.30 am, stops at KIA at 8.21 am and terminates at Yesvantpur at 9.25 am.

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BEGINNING Monday (January 4), three new pairs of trains will operate between railway stations in Bengaluru and the newly built Kempegowda International Airport Devanahalli (KIAD) halt station. The first train will make its trip at 4.45 am from KSR railway station and reach KIAD at 5.50 am.

With tickets for a one-way trip priced between Rs 10 and Rs 15, the move will bring huge relief to air passengers who pay a huge sum to reach the airport by taxis or Vayu Vajra buses.

The Railway Board on Friday approved three new Diesel Electric Multiple Unit trains for this station, said Chief Public Relations Officer, South Western Railway Zone, E Vijaya.

Two of the trains will run from KSR railway station to Devanahalli while one will run from Yelahanka to Devanahalli. The first train will depart towards the airport from KSR at 4.45 am and the last train at 9 pm. From Yelahanka, a DEMU will depart at 7 am. In the return direction, the trains will depart from KIA at 6.15 am to Yelahanka, 7.45 am to KSR and 10.30 pm to Bengaluru Cantonment.

Divisional Railway Manager A K Verma also tweeted that two pairs of existing trains running between Bengaluru Cantonment and Bangarpet via Kolar and Chikballapur as well as its return route from Bangarpet to Yesvantpur via Kolar will have stoppages at the KIAD station. Another pair from Bengaluru Cantonment to Bangarpet, which will return from Bangarpet to Yesvantpur, will also be given stoppages at KIAD from Monday. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager A N Krishna Reddy confirmed these stoppages. All the five pairs, including two existing trains, will operate on all days except Sundays.

The last-mile connectivity from the halt station to the airport is still unclear. The BMTC was initially supposed to provide shuttle services.

The KIA halt station at Devanahalli | EXPRESS

# Schools' compliance to SOPs to be monitored

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

Districts will have groups that will visit schools and PU colleges from Monday to check implementation of the Covid-19 safety protocols. These teams will also talk to students and principals.

There were some drawbacks on the first day of reopening on Friday, admitted Minister for Primary and Secondary Education Suresh Kumar.

A school in Chikkaballapura, had a suboptimal level of cleanliness. But that was because it was one of the counting centres for the Gram Panchayat elections and the premises were handed over to school officials only on Thursday evening, he added.

Another school in Hassan was found to be violating social distancing norms and an inquiry is being conducted to find out the reason behind the violation. Action will be taken after the inquiry, Kumar said.

The department had issued Covid-related SOPs in the run-up to reopening of schools. There were some violations, and they will be dealt with seriously, Kumar said.

Deputy Directors of Public Instruction (DDPIs) and Block Education Officers (BEOs) were given strict instructions that SOPs should not be compromised, as it will compromise the entire programme, he said.

**Syllabus, exam dates by Wednesday**

Minister Suresh Kumar said that with the CBSE announcing the exam dates and NEET and JEE too likely to be announced soon, the Education Department will come out with truncated syllabus and dates for examination for the state board by Wednesday.

Schools reopened with all Covid safety measures in place like mandatory masks and sanitisers and maintaining social distance in classrooms | MEGHANA SASTRY

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MANSOOR Ali Khan, general secretary, Managements of Independent CBSE Schools Association, said most of the CBSE schools are starting on Monday. Jean George, president, Karnataka ICSE Schools' Association also confirmed that ICSE schools will also open on Monday.

In Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Mandya, more students from the rural areas attended classes than their urban counterparts. In Mysuru district, the authorities said while the attendance in rural areas was about 60 per cent, in the urban areas, it was only about 45 per cent.

Kumar attributed the poor attendance to New Year's day and the weekend at its heels. He said a better picture will emerge on Monday when a higher turnout of students is expected with a full week starting afresh. It was an atmosphere of celebration, with schools reopening in a safe environment. In many schools across the state, teachers were visibly overjoyed to see their students return, observed Suresh Kumar.

The arriving students were welcomed with rangolis, roses, chocolates, sweets and snacks, besides applause from teachers. They came with their paraphernalia, including water bottles, but not food, which is disallowed on campuses.

Some schools even provided masks to its students, while at others, philanthropists pitched in to meet the needs. Several students carried their own sanitisers and masks.

Legislators, present and former cabinet ministers, district administrators and even clergy visited schools in their respective constituencies to encourage students to return. They included former primary and secondary education minister Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri and Minister for Animal Husbandry Prabhu B Chauhan.

Two schools in Udupi – KPS school in Hebri and Government Higher Primary School in Brahmavar -- were ordered to remain closed on Friday and reopen only on January 4 (Monday) after some staff members tested positive. While the SOP suggested 15 students per room, larger spaces allowed for as many as 20 students to be present.

SR Umashankar, Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education, refuted accusations of scarcity of rooms in some schools to accommodate the children. "This is what we have been waiting for so long. It's been over nine months," said excited children of a government school at Unkal in Hubballi

## RURAL SCHOOLS SAW MORE ATTENDANCE

LEADING THE WAY

# *Bengaluru's low-cost post office catches nation's attention*

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE success of building a low-cost Sub Post office at Doddanekundi near Marthahalli has caught the national attention and 23 more such offices are set to be replicated across Karnataka and a couple of other states.

The building on 39 square metres has cost the Bengaluru Postal Department a mere Rs 15 lakh. G D Bhat, Assistant Director, Buildings, Bangalore Postal Department, told The New Indian Express that the Postal Department has approved the construction of eight more post offices in Karnataka. "They will come up at Ha, Sulibele, Sattur, Hudgi, Rani Channamma Nagar, Naikal and Shankara Narayana areas," he said. Eight post offices in Rajasthan and seven in Odisha too are being built using the same method, he added.

For the Doddanekundi post office, the land earmarked was 40,469 square metres. "The total project cost, including civil and electrical works, came to just Rs 15,47,527," he said.

S Chandrashekhar, Assistant Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, Bengaluru Postal Division, said, "The building standing on 400 square feet was completed within four months in February 2020. The normal cost for such a building would be around Rs 21 lakh and we have saved up to Rs 6 lakh. The use of locally available material is the key reason for the reduced cost."

Laterite from Mangaluru has been used instead of the traditional building material. "The sloped roof was made out of reinforced cement concrete, and care was taken to build only bare essentials. Also, no garden was created like in other post offices," he added.

New technology, too, has helped reduce the required space. "We have built rooms for very minimum space inside the building. For instance, there was no need for a room to separately house records as it can be stored online now," he said.

Sub Post office at Doddanekundi near Marthahalli | EXPRESS

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**02nd January : The current Neptune pattern couldn't be more inspirational. On the other hand, some people are argumentative. If I were you, I'd be spreading a little light and love, encouraging other people to look on the bright side. But there could be fireworks as well. You never know who is going to explode with passion or some other random desire.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Whatever the rights or wrongs of a current personal dispute, both you and partners should realise that the causes lie in the past, and that the future should be approached with an open mind. This is easier said than done, of course, but you can still try your best!

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may sit down, talk to partners and listen very carefully to people who may have different ideas and a fresher perspective than you. You should accept criticism, no matter how much it may hurt your pride. After all, even you can be wrong sometimes!

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
There is plenty of room for extra effort. If you are to safeguard your material security, you should work as hard as possible. In other words, there's no point in hoping that something will turn up! It is also a useful moment to get your physical condition into shape, by the way.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Your tendency today will be to believe that only fresh creations are worthwhile, but don't throw out the baby with the bath water. You may swing into action socially, and make plans to test out your skills as a hostess or host. Your generous gestures will be repaid in full.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Home affairs and family commitments may consume most of your emotional energy, so you may have little enthusiasm left for romantic adventures or leisure activities which excite you. There's a little extra tension at work; there might be sharp words, but don't take them too personally.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Short trips are in order, which is convenient, but a psychological reading of your chart reveals that what is most important is dialogue and discussion, so take great efforts to make yourself understood. An exchange of ideas could even set you off on an entirely new course.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Financial issues are about to shoot up the agenda, so stay on your guard, and don't make rash commitments. Also, don't make the mistake of under-estimating or under-valuing people who need your sympathy and support. You need to keep potential allies on your side.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You seem to have the upper hand today, even though this may come as something of a surprise. Please don't waste too much time wondering about what you should do next, but throw yourself in with gusto. At the very least you will learn from your mistakes!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is so much secrecy around, and you may be keeping certain feelings close to your chest. Partners may be equally reluctant to come into the open, but then there is no reason why they should - is there? Devote a little time to a charitable activity.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your social stars are good, if a little intense. The heaviest astrological pull is towards home and family life, but it may be a good idea either to get out and mix, or to invite other people around. A new acquaintance may provide just the tonic you need.

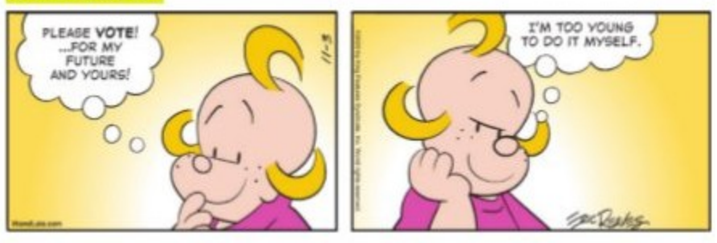
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It's an ambitious moment, and even leisure activities should be designed to attract prestige and respect. If family matters are on the agenda it could be parental connections which pre-occupy you, rather than responsibilities for children. Perhaps ghosts from the past still need to be laid to rest.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Passions run high, and it's an adventurous moment. Overseas travel could be an attractive option, as could the thought of improving yourself through study. A side issue concerns legal matters, so keep an eye on your rights. But, above all, you need to make your own voice heard above the collective clamour.

**THE PHANTOM**

ON APPROACH TO MAWTAAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT....
THE CHIEF'S MOST TRUSTED MAN...
DAYS LATER...
A LETTER TO "WALKER,"
BOUND FOR KHORVA VIA BANGALLA.

**HI AND LOIS**




**BEETLE BAILEY**

WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A SMARTWATCH. IT TELLS TIME, LOCATION AND ALTITUDE. IT TAKES YOUR PULSE, COUNTS YOUR STEPS AND MONITORS YOUR SLEEP
I'M NOT SURE IF I WANT TO KNOW THAT MUCH ABOUT MYSELF

**BLONDIE**

DAG, DID YOU NOTICE ALL THE DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING?
YEAH. WHAT ARE THEY DOING OUT THERE?
THEY'RE DEMANDING THAT EVERY BREAK ROOM IN THE BUILDING INSTALL TOUCH-SCREEN VENDING MACHINES
MARLENE, HAVE YOU SEEN BUMSTEAD?

**LOCKHORNS**

"I FORGET... LAST HALLOWEEN, WERE YOU A GOOD WITCH OR A BAD WITCH?"

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## SUDOKU

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**MEDIUM**

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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**JUMBLE** THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DOVIE

LORDL

DMULED

TUAARM

Her family reunions are huge.
I bet my wife's are bigger.
It was always tough to get my five brothers and sisters together for pictures.
That's nothing! I come from a family of nine.
SHE THOUGHT SHE CAME FROM A LARGE FAMILY, BUT IT'S ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WATCH HASTY MOSAIC TACKLE
Answer: The osprey artist created original paintings and planned to — HAWK THEM

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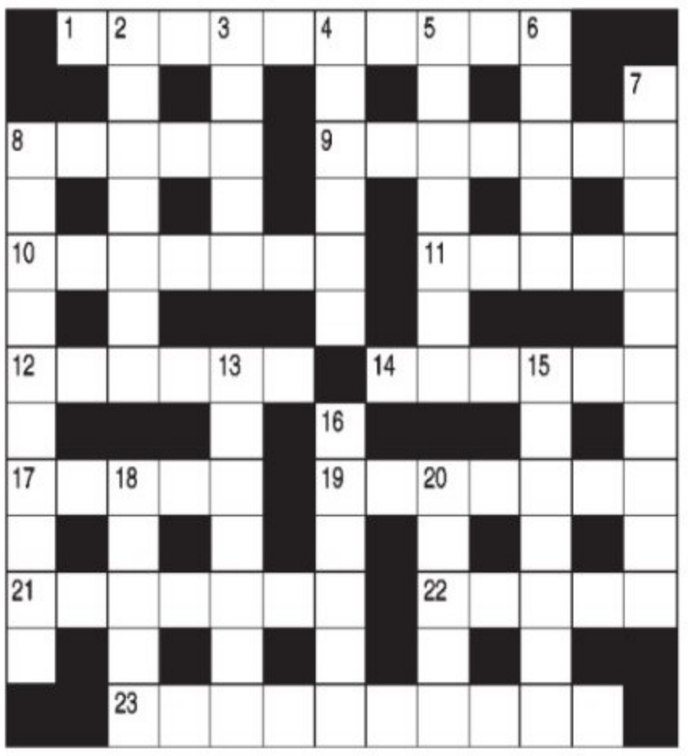
**CROSS WORD**



**ACROSS**

1 Wardrobe equipment supplied at no charge maybe (4,6)
8 Stiff resolution shown in disputes (5)
9 Settle the will (7)
10 They aim to get her into the bright lights (7)
11 Country provides aid in some form (5)
12 Companion of an American star (6)
14 The spirit of Switzerland (6)
17 Time not on our side? (5)
19 Take steps to keep down (7)
21 Dogfish provides sport in winter (7)
22 Not late but nearly lost a point (5)
23 Opposition to mixed ancestries (10)

**DOWN**

2 Substandard rice pudding in the wardroom perhaps (7)
3 Give an oral test (5)
4 Stop a criminal proceeding? (6)
5 Rages if source of heat is changed (3,4)
6 Idler upset and irritated (5)
7 Please try a new blend apart (10)
8 Damaged car in tense situation that's not permanent (10)
13 School subject taken by the sick? (7)
15 Quack Greek character involved in crime (7)
16 Steps in the development of Wells Fargo? (6)
18 It's a mistake to be led astray over gold (5)
20 Engagement ring? (5)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Homily, 4 Rommel, 9 Soprani, 10 Learn, 11 Leech, 12 Imprint, 13 Average wage, 18 Scuttle, 20 Apple, 22 Rotor, 23 Naivete, 24 Rodney, 25 Agenda.

**Down:** 1 Hustle, 2 Maple, 3 Leather, 5 Orlop, 6 Meaning, 7 Length, 8 Living being, 14 Vaulted, 15 Wearing, 16 Usurer, 17 Veleta, 19 Terse, 21 Preen.

# Vision Group aims at integrated healthcare

## Annual health checkup for all aged above 35 being planned; Focus on preventive and predictive care

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THE Karnataka Vision Group for Healthcare held its first meeting with Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Friday. The group consisting of health experts from private and government sectors has to submit a report with recommendations in six months to implement the Arogya Karnataka (Healthy Karnataka) scheme. Integrating primary health centres, community health centres and tertiary care hospitals is one of its aims. Dr G Gururaj, former director, NIMHANS, will be the president of the group.

"The focus will be also on preventive and predictive medicine. Annual health check-up for those above 35 will be conducted that will include blood test, lipid profile and screening for non-communicable diseases which are the reasons for increasing death rate in the country. Treatment and advice for lifestyle changes and nutrition will be given after the check-up," Dr Sudhakar said.

Health and Family Welfare Minister K Sudhakar meets members of the Vision Group at Vidhana Soudha, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Allopathic, Ayush, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy experts will be part of the group, which will have sub-committees, each of which have to submit reports and a final document with recommendations will be submitted to CM B S Yediyurappa.

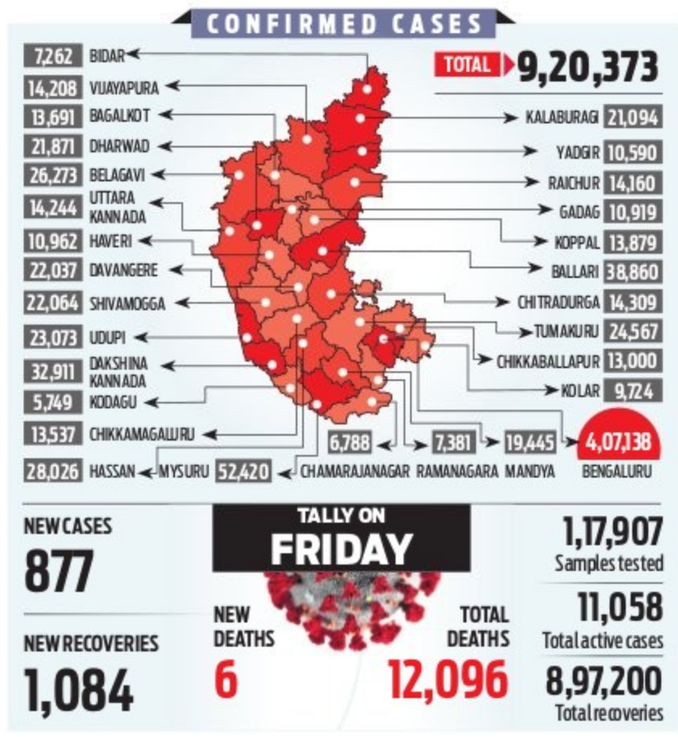
A cell will be set up to improve the quality of healthcare at every level. Manpower and funds will be partially sought from the Centre to start new medical colleges in the state. Cath labs and cancer units will be set up along with trauma centres at every 50 km to cater to emergencies and accidents.

"Tele-medicine and tele-ICU facilities for child health will be implemented and artificial intelligence and digital records will be uploaded online to help people access records at any centre by displaying their Aadhaar card. All 2,380 PHCs across the state will have an ambulance each," he added.

Tele-medicine service by 104 and ambulance services by 108 will be integrated. PPP model for government health facilities was suggested but prices have to be fixed, he said.

**What experts suggest**

- Quality of healthcare to be maintained as per UN standards
- Betterment of infrastructure and increasing staff at government hospitals
- Doctors and nurses to be specially trained to handle emergencies at primary levels
- Opening of Ayush centres at all PHCs
- Adopt Tele-ICU model at each hospital
- Branding government medical colleges
- IMS and KMS cadre on the lines of IAS and KAS
- Specialised staff for geriatric care




# Low blood sugar at birth cause of infantile spasms

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

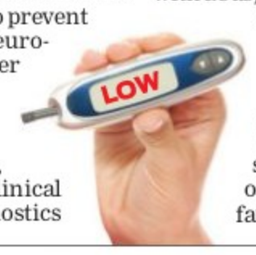
NEONATAL hypoglycemia (low blood sugar at birth) is the most important underlying cause of infantile spasms, according to a study.

This is the first study that used Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology to dwell deep into the causes of infantile spasms in the Indian setting, according to the study paper.

Infantile spasms, also known as 'Salaam Seizures', occur usually in the first year after birth. The findings, according to the authors, show there is an urgent need to develop guidelines for early recognition and optimal management of neonates at risk of developing hypoglycemia to prevent this severe epilepsy. This study shows that families and doctors need to be more vigilant about preventing low blood sugar at birth in newborn babies to prevent its significant neurological impact later in a child's life.

The study was conducted by Medgenome Labs, a genomics and clinical data driven diagnostics and drug discovery research company, in partnership with doctors from Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, Jaipur, School of Medicine, University of Glasgow, UK, and Paediatric Neurosciences Research Group, Royal Hospital for Children, Glasgow, UK, to understand the underlying causes of infantile spasms, a common but severe form of epilepsy in young children.

According to Dr Vivek Jain, paediatric neurologist at Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital, one of the researchers, till date there have been no published studies from India to comprehensively investigate this condition. He claims that for the first time, a genetic evaluation using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technology-based Whole Exome Sequencing was performed in patients with a suspected genetic cause for infantile spasms.




Following this evaluation, a genetic cause could be identified in a significant number of patients with infantile spasms.

# Case fatality rate at 0 in 20 dists, only 189 cases in ICU

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WITH 1,084 people getting discharged on Friday, the total recoveries in the state touched 8,97,200, taking the recovery rate to its highest at 97.48%. Males account for 55.27 lakh recoveries and females for 34.33 lakh recoveries.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said on Friday, "Since March, we have conducted more than 1.47 crore tests across the state. The positivity rate stood at 0.82% on the last day of 2020."

There were 877 new cases reported on the day, which took the state's tally to 9,20,373 cases. Bengaluru reported 464 cases. Now, it is taking the state 109 days to double Covid cases. The mortality rate has been steady for the last 11 days at 1.31%. In the last seven days, the case fatality rate has been 0 in 20 districts of Karnataka, while two other districts have CFR below 1 per cent. Of the 11,058 active cases, 189 are high risk and in the ICU. 82 of these cases are in Bengaluru Urban alone.

People arriving from other states being tested at Majestic bus terminus on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNAH P

# Will trace all UK returnees: Minister

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IN the other case, a 39-year-old man from Vittala Nagar, Bommanahalli, who was the contact of his wife and child, the first two UK returnees who tested positive for the new variant, also tested positive. He has been admitted to Victoria Hospital.

"Initially, the 39-year-old individual had tested negative for Covid, while his wife and child were positive. However, he was isolated and later started to develop symptoms. After undergoing another test, he was found to be positive and his genomic results came positive too. The individual's father has also tested positive for Covid. But his genomic results are yet to come," said Ramakrishna, BBMP Joint Commissioner, Bommanahalli zone.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar stated that a total of 5,068 people have come to Karnataka from the UK since November 25, out of which 4,238 people arrived since December 9 and 810 were transit passengers travelling to other states. "Information regarding 810 passengers has been shared with respective states," he said.

He also pointed out that efforts are on to trace 75 people who have arrived in Karnataka from the UK and added that the authorities are hopeful of locating them soon. "We are yet to trace 75 people who travelled from the UK, including some foreign nationals who might not have local contact numbers. Their details have been collected from the Immigration department. The Home Department has assured that all will be traced soon so that they can be tested," Sudhakar said.

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Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

According to him, 70 of the 75 people are from BBMP limits.

So far, after undergoing RT-PCR tests, 33 people who have arrived from the UK, along with five of their contacts, have tested positive for Covid-19, taking the number to 38.

According the Union Ministry of Heath and Family Welfare (MOHFW), a total of 29 people in India have tested positive for the UK variant. Eight have been detected in NCDC, New Delhi; two in IGIB, New Delhi; five in NIV, Pune; three in CCMB, Hyderabad; 10 in NIMHANS, Bengaluru; and one in NIBMG, Kalyani.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to notify the general public that my client **Smt. K.V. Vijaya Kumari, W/o Sri. Suresh.T,** at No.473, 9th Main road, 13th 'A' Cross, Vyalikaval, Bengaluru-560 003, is intending to purchase and enter into the sale agreement in respect of the schedule properties from **Sri C.A. Thyagaraj Mithra, S/o. Late C.S. Ananthaiah Mithra, S.Padmanabha S/o. Late Srinivasaiah, and K.A. Krishna Murthy S/o. K. Alasingaraiah.**

If anybody have any claims or interest over the schedule properties or objection to the Sale transaction, may file their claim or objections to the under signed in writing with supporting documents within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If, any claim or objections are not received within the stipulated time, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the property free from all encumbrance. Any claims received beyond **7 days** will not be considered.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

**Item No.1:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy.No.1/2,** situated at **Bisalahalli Village, Kuduru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District,** measuring 2 Acres, bounded on **East by** Sy.No.1/10. **West by** property of Chandrappa and Sadashivaiah, **North by** Road Ramana's property, **South by** property of Padmanabha and Krishnamurthy.

**Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy.No.1/11,** situated at **Bisalahalli Village, Kuduru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District,** measuring 1 Acre 20 gunta, bounded on **East by** Sy.No land of Krishnamurthy, **West by** land of Chandrappa and Sadashivaiah, **North by** Road land of chandrashekar, **South by** land of Nanjappa.

**Item No.3:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy.No.1/12,** situated at **Bisalahalli Village. Kuduru Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District.** measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, bounded on **East by** land of B.C.Rajakumar. **West by** land of Padmanabha, **North by** land of Chandrashekar. **South by** land of Nanjappa.

**N.C.NARAYANA** Advocate
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Public are hereby notified that My client intends to enter into a Agreement of Sale deed with **Mr. Srinivas.V,** S/o Late A. Venkoba Rao, Aged about 61 Years, Residing at No. 446, 11th Cross, Upper Palace Orchards, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080, respective owner of the property mentioned in the Schedule here under. The owner represent that he is the absolute owner having marketable, right, title and interest to his respective property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder, and that apart from him there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property and he has not entered into any Agreements /Memorandum of Understanding etc., and further have not mortgaged, created any lien or encumbered the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder or any part thereof in any manner, with any person. Any person/s having objection/s or claims shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection(s)/claim(s) within fifteen **(15) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the Land and Building Property bearing BDA Site No.669, PID no.15-13-9, situated at 20th Cross, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, presently coming within the limits of the BBMP ward no.15, Bangalore-560010., Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 38.0+33.6/2 feet, in all measuring 1074 Square feet. With 800sqft, RCC building with all civic amenities and the same being bounded as follows:-

**On the East by** : Site bearing No. 670,
**On the West by** : Site bearing No. 668,
**On the North by** : Road,
**On the South by** : Site bearing No. 662.

**DURGA PRASAD .K.B,** Advocate
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**APPENDIX-IV-A**
**[See Provison to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]**
**Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

**Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property**

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the provison of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) **1) Mr Babu Kumaran** No 14 " Devi Nivas" 11th Cross Sigadi Layout Kanshiramnagar, Off M S Palya Hesarghatta Road, Somashettihalli Bangalore 560097. **2) Mrs Sridevi S** W/o Babu KumaranNo 14 " Devi Nivas" 11th Cross Sigadi Layout Kanshiramnagar, Off M S Palya Hesarghatta Road, Somashettihalli Bangalore 560097. **3) M/s Parvathi Engineering Prop: Mr Babu Kumaran** No 157, 5th Avenue Vishveswaraiah Enclave K G Halli Jalahalli West Bangalore 560015, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Yeshwanthpur Branch, Bangalore** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is"basis,** on **18.01.2021 Between 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM** for recovery of **Rs 43,50,036 ( Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand and Thirty Six only)** as on **16.10.2019** together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from **Mr Babu Kumaran** The Reserve Price for Property will be **Rs 68,36,000(Rupees Sixty Eight Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)will be **Rs 6,83,600 (Six Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand and Six Hundred Only)** " on or before the commencement of E Auction"

**Description of immovable secured assets to be sold:**

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot No 14 Kahata no 142 Devi Nivas 11th Cross Kanshiramnagar Somashettihalli Vidyaranyapura post Bangalore 560097 (Property description as specified in the Sale Deed dated 08.04.2010) On the North : By Site No 13, On the South : By. Road, On the East : By Site no 15, On the West: By Road.

**Account bearing No: 560631000810054-of the Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India Yeshwanthpur Branch IFSC Code CORP0000426**

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The interested bidder may contact the Branch Manager of **Union Bank of India, Yeshwanthpur Branch Manager Ph 080- 23370264, E-mail: sarfaesi@unionbankofindia.com** for inspection of property and also visit the aforementioned site for ascertaining the details of action

**STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES.**

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.12.2020
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NO: DKMU/PUR/161/2020-21

**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Tenders under two bid system are invited through e-Procurement Portal of G.O.K. from interested Companies for the following:

| Item No. | Description | Quantity | E M D Rs. Ps. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Supply, Erection and commissioning of Diesel Generator Set-20 KVA & 25 KVA (Under Buyback of old D.G-12.5 & 15 KVA) | 6 No.S | 75,000 |
| 2. | Supply of S.S Tables and Stools to Udupi & Mangalore Dairy | 95 No.s | 50,000 |
| 3. | Supply of S S Pipes & Fittings | Lump sum | 50,000 |
| 4. | Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Security Video Surveillance System (CCTV) With Accessories to Mangalore Dairy & Udupi Dairy, Uppoor | Lump sum | 40,000 |
| 5. | Supply of Clean Trace Luminometer to Udupi Dairy | 1 No.s | 20,000 |
| 6. | Printing & Supply of Multicolour Laminated Label for Ghee Pet jar 50/100ml Packing | 7 Lakhs | 20,000 |
| 7. | Supply of Disposable Caps on ARC | 2 Lakhs | 10,000 |
| 8. | Supply of Nandini Paneer Pouches for packing 200 grms Block on Annual Rate Contract | 6 Lakhs | 15,000 |

The Last Date for Submission of Bids is : **27.01.2021 by 4.00 PM.**
Date of Opening of Technical Tender : **on 28.01.2021 at 4.30PM**
Date of Opening of Commercial Tender : **Will be intimated later**

Item-wise detailed Tender Form cost is as per e-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Further details can be had from e-Procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Helpdesk Phone **08046010000, 08022631200** and email support: **support@ihelpdsk.com**

Place: Mangalore
Date: 28.12.2020
Sd/-,
**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

**LIC HFL** LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD

**LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**
15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025.
Ph.: 080-43003651.

**TENDER CUM AUCTION NOTICE (Annexure)**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd, under the Securitisation on and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (Act 54/2002), 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec on 13(2) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice Dt. 15.03.2016 calling upon the borrower Ms. SARATH BABU GUNASEGARAN to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.30,58,226.38/- with interest at contractual rate and all other dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower has failed again to repay the dues I, as an Authorized Officer obtained the estimated value of the schedule property in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 8 (5) of the Rules, and propose to sell the scheduled property by way of sealed tenders under Rule 8 (5) (b) of the rules in as is where is condition on 20.01.2021.

Public Notice calling for bidders/ Tenderers to purchase the Schedule Property is published in "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS AND KANNDA PRABHA" on 02.01.2021.

| Applicant Name, Loan No. , Schedule | RESERVE PRICE |
|---|---|
| **Applicant Name:-** SARATH BABU GUNASEGARAN.<br>**Loan No**. 411600001344.<br>All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Unit No.S2, in the SECOND floor of the apartment named "EVER GREEN APARTMENT", measuring 1176 Square Feet super built up area, car parking space at basement floor, having undivided share of 323.87Square feet in the land bearing property I.D. no.84-77-24, situated at B.ChannasandraGramatana, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now falls under BBMP ward no.50, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: 8 feet width passage and private property, West By: property of Nanjaiah, North By: Road, South By: Road and BDA property. | **Reserve Price:- Rs. 48,00,000/-**<br>**EMD:- Rs. 4,80,000/-** |

**Place of Auction : L.I.C HOUSING FINANCE LTD.**
**15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore.**
Date & time of Auction: 20.01.2021,
Opening of Sealed Tender/Auction :2.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M
Last date for receipt of Tender Forms: 19.01.2021, 5.00 P.M
Inspection of Property &documents : With prior appointment only.

**Terms & Conditions:**

1. The Sale would be on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" condition.
2. The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price & bid should not be below the Reserve Price
3. The interested parties shall submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) which is 10% of Reserve Price of the property on or before 5.00 PM on 19.01.2021 by way of DD / Pay Order / Banker's Cheque in favour of L.I.C HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, Payable at Bangalore, along with properly filled tender forms stating the L.A.NO. of the auctioned property. The tender sale/auction would be subject to terms and conditions of Tender affixed at auction place. Only the participant will be allowed inside the auction hall. If the bid amount is less than the Reserve Price, the participant will not be eligible to participate in the auction.
4. The sealed tender / auction will be conducted as per rules of SARFAESI Act, 2002. The successful bidder shall pay 25% of the bid amount ( Including EMD) immediately on the auction date and the balance shall be paid within 15(Fifteen) days thereafter.
5. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payments or fails to adhere to the terms and condition of Sealed Tender / Auction in any manner the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he/she shall not have any claim as such for forfeited amount.
6. The successful tender shall bear all the legal/incidental expense like stamp duty, registration fee taxes statutory dues (if any) etc., and other dues related to respective property as applicable.
7. The tender forms will be available with the Authorized officer, between 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM from 11.01.2021 onwards.
8. The Authorized officer reserves the right to reject any or all the offers/tenders without assigning any reason or shall have the right to postpone or cancel the Auction. The Authorized Officer also reserves rights to modify any terms and conditions of the advertisement/ sale at his discretion without any prior notice.
9. The Authorized officer or LIC Housing Finance Ltd., shall not be responsible for any charge lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Govt. Or anyone else in respect to the properties auctioned.
10. The property/ies is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" condition. The bidders should make their own enquiries with regard to any statutory liabilities / taxes/ dues etc and any other property related details from appropriate authorities in respect of the above mentioned property/ies by themselves before submitting tender/participating in the auction.
11. Persons who are interested to participate in the auction should bring ( copy of photo ID – PAN card / Passport / Ration card / Driving License and Copy of address Proof – Ration card / latest Telephone bill / latest Gas connection bill / latest Electricity bill.
12. The Earnest Money Deposit ( EMD ) refunds will be given only after the auction of all the properties are completed.
13. The L.I.C Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the TENDER SALE / AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.

**Authorized Officer**
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd
BANGALORE

QuoteExpress **DON'T WATCH THE CLOCK; DO WHAT IT DOES. KEEP GOING** > SAM LEVENSON

The state government has declared Mysuru-based Karnataka State Open University as the sole university of the state to offer Open Distance Learning education

KPCC chief DK Shivakumar speaks to reporters in Bengaluru on Friday

# BSY facing threat to his post: DKS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KPCC president D K Shivakumar on Friday mocked Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa for claiming that he will complete his remaining term of two years and five months. Shivakumar criticised the CM, saying that the claim itself is an indication that Yediyurappa is facing a threat. "There was no need for the chief minister to make such a statement," he added.

"BJP legislators, including MLA Basanagouda Yatnal, have been saying that there will be a new leader after January 15. The chief minister is trying to pacify himself, saying that he will remain in the post," he said, responding to a question on Yediyurappa's assertion.

Shivakumar said that he is satisfied with Congress party's performance in Gram Panchayat elections. "Despite pressure and use of money and muscle power by the ruling party, Congressmen worked efficiently and achieved good results for the party that is in the opposition," he added. Shivakumar said that he will tour the state from January 5 to 18. "2021 will be the 'Year of organisation' and 'Year of toil for the Congress'," he added.

Hitting out at the government for its "failure" in containing the UK variant of coronavirus, Shivakumar wanted to know why travellers were not checked at the airport itself. "It is basic common sense. It is the administration's failure," he said. He blamed the Central and state governments for the spread of the virus and alleged that they failed in implementing control measures at early stages.

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>
> D K Shivakumar, KPCC president

BUZZ IN BJP

# Cabinet rejig likely after BJP executive meet

## Two-day convention begins today; upcoming bypolls to be discussed

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

THERE is a buzz within BJP circles that the cabinet is likely to be reshuffled after the party Core Committee and State Executive meetings in Shivamogga, provided the party high command gives the green signal.

As BJP General Secretary, Karnataka in-charge, Arun Singh arrived in Bengaluru around 9 pm on Friday and met BJP state leaders at Kumara Krupa Guesthouse, the expectation was that the cabinet reshuffle issue would gather pace.

Arun Singh will join Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa as he heads to Shivamogga for the state executive meeting. Other office-bearers, including state party president Nalin Kumar Kateel, too will be attending the crucial meeting on Saturday and Sunday.

The party leaders feel that the top-level meetings are the right forum to discuss filling up of vacant posts in the cabinet and several boards and corporations. But top leaders of the party are still sceptical about the reshuffle as Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who takes these crucial decisions, is expected to be in Karnataka on January 16 and 17. Also, the government is planning a short legislative session, which is likely to commence on January 19.

At Shivamogga, the saffron party will have core committee, state morchas and the state executive meetings. The state executive, which used to be an annual or biannual event, has now become a monthly affair, considering the pace set by Kateel. Among other things, the recent Gram Panchayat elections, upcoming bypolls to Basavakalyan and Maski Assembly constituencies and the Belgavi Lok Sabha seat, appointments to boards and corporations and the drive to strengthen the party are likely to be discussed at the meetings.

When Arun Singh visited the state in December, BJP Chief Whip Karkala MLA Sunil Kumar had told him that the nominees suggested by the party were not included in boards and corporations. Some MLAs too had openly complained to Singh about the party list being ignored.

Sunil Kumar had told Singh that several party leaders were airing their grievances in the media, instead of discussing them within party forums. Singh is likely to review the progress on these complaints and take up other major issues before the party, sources said.

STARTING ON A GOOD NOTE

Chief Minister B S Yeddiyurappa called on Governor Vajubhai Vala to extend his wishes for the New Year, in Bengaluru on Friday

## CONG LOST BASE: DYCM

Chikkamagaluru: Deputy Chief minister Dr C N Aswath Narayan alleged that "Congress has lost its base and the party will not win in any of the upcoming elections". Replying to Opposition leader Siddaramaiah's allegation that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is on a sticky wicket, Ashwath Narayan said: "Congress has been playing opportunistic politics. As there is internal bickering in the party, both at state and national level, Congress will lose all the future elections". To opposition parties, allegations that BJP is making false claims over 60 per cent of the party supported candidates winning in the recently-concluded gram panchayat elections, the DyCM said: "Congress is frustrated over suffering a setback in the elections and is issuing baseless statements". On the reopening of SSLC and second PU classes from Friday, he defended the move as all the precautionary measures have been taken in this regard. ENS

# Meeting to debate significant issues: KSE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

SENIOR BJP leader and district in-charge minister K S Eshwarappa on Friday said that the BJP State Executive is meeting in Shivamogga city after a gap of 25 years and it will discuss crucial issues.

He said that when the state executive met in Belagavi three months ago, it decided on anti-cow slaughter and Love Jihad bills. Similarly, the Shivamogga conclave too will take some important decisions, he added.

The meeting will be held on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, state party Nalin Kumar Kateel will meet with state general secretaries, district presidents, office-bearers, organising secretaries and leaders of Gram Swaraj teams at a private hotel in the city. Later in the evening, core committee meeting will be held where Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, DCM Govinda Karajol, state in-charge Arun Singh and co-in-charge D K Aruna will take part, he said.

Shivamogga city all decked up to host the BJP State Executive Meet on Saturday and Sunday after a gap of 25 years | SHIMOGA NANDAN

A documentary on how the BJP has travelled in country's politics from Jana Sangha days will be screened after its inauguration by Kateel, he added.

On Sunday, Yediyurappa and Kateel will be felicitated for passing the anti-cow slaughter Act. Later, Yediyurappa will inaugurate a special meeting, which will be presided over by Kateel. It will be attended by Arun Singh, D K Aruna, national general secretary C T Ravi, central ministers Pralhad Joshi and D V Sadananda Gowda, state ministers, core committee members, state morcha presidents, general secretaries, various prakoshtha conveners and other elected representatives from all districts will take part.

# CONGRESS CLAIMS BIG WIN IN SIDDU'S HOME TURF MYSURU

**Victory ours: Cong**

**406** out of **596** in Hunsur
**296** out of **545** in Periyapatna
**280** out of **560** in K R Nagar
**302** out of **567** in H D Kote
**283** of 510 in T Narasipura
**178** out of **345** in Chamundeshwari
**315** out of **476** in Nanjangud

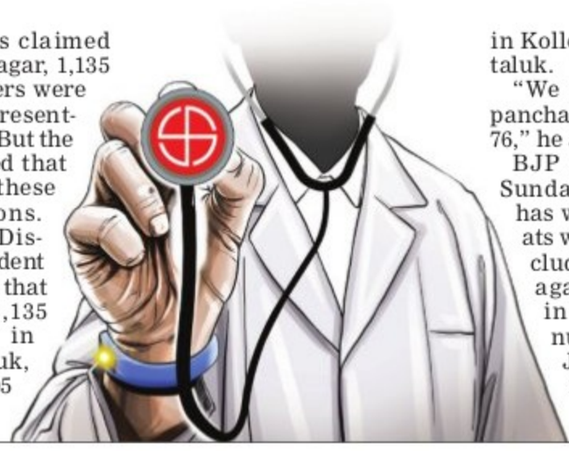
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

THE Congress on Friday claimed that it has won over 65 per cent of Gram Panchayat seats in Mysuru and Chamrjanagar districts.

After the party lost Assembly bypolls in Sira and Rajarajeshwari Nagar constituencies, Siddaramaiah held a series of meetings to ensure party's victory in Gram Panchayat polls, whose results were announced on December 30.

Party leaders claimed that their representatives have won 2,410 of 3,644 seats in 249 panchayats. Mysuru District Congress president B J Vijaykumar said the party won 406 out of 596 in Hunsur, 296 out of 545 in Periyapatna, 280 out of 560 in K R Nagar, 302 out of 567 in H D Kote, 283 of 510 in T Narasipura, 178 out of 345 in Chamundeshwari and 315 out of 476 in Nanjangud.

Congress leaders claimed that in Chamrajanagar, 1,135 out of 2,159 members were from the party, representing 129 panchayats. But the BJP too has claimed that it has won big in these grassroots elections. Chamarajanagar District Congress president P Mariswamy said that they have won 1,135 seats, with 280 in Chamrajanagar taluk, 290 in Gundlupet, 295 in Kollegal and 270 in Hanur taluk.



"We were in power in 80 panchayats and now we have 76," he added.

BJP district president R Sundar said that his party has won 71 of 129 panchayats with 1,026 members, including 212 in Chamrajanagar, 163 in Kollegal, 298 in Gundlupet, 267 in Hanur and 86 in Yalandur. JD(S) has won 103 seats in Hanur taluk.

# New Chief Secretary told to speed up Smart City projects in Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday urged bureaucrats to soon complete pending development works under the Smart City project in Bengaluru.

He admitted that Covid had hit the pace and asked officials to hasten the works now that the pandemic is on the wane. He was holding a meeting with new Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar, who called on him after taking charge, secretaries and principal secretaries of various departments, and top officials of BBMP, BESCOM and other agencies.

He told the officials that the cause for the delay should be identified and addressed. He asked department heads to prepare a blueprint and chalk out the financial requirements, which can be taken up during the next budget, which is just a couple of months away.

The Chief Minister's Office is now expected to swing into action and monitor pending civic works to ensure that they are completed within deadlines. There have been many complaints about indiscriminate road digging and thick clouds of dust across Bengaluru. Yediyurappa also holds the City Development Portfolio.

Ongoing road work near Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Pressure piles on cops over Dharmegowda's death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE government railway police (GRP), which is investigating the alleged death by suicide of Vice-Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council **S L Dharmegowda**, are under tremendous pressure to unearth the reasons that led Dharmegowda to take the extreme step, as they have to report the status of the investigation on a daily basis to the government.

Sources said that the investigation is being directly monitored by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Railways Arun Chakravarthy and the updates of the investigation were being shared with Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and other top officials of the Home Department.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla had on Wednesday sought a high-level independent inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death. Even this seems to have added to the mounting pressure on the police.

"As it is a high-profile case, naturally, there is pressure to find the reasons that led to the suicide at the earliest. However, any investigation demands its own time and we are carrying out a detailed probe," a senior officer said on the condition of anonymity.

The police are still awaiting the results of the post-mortem and other technical reports and they can arrive at a conclusion only after they get them. "Despite the pressure, we are in no hurry to wind up the case soon. We have seen in some high-profile cases earlier how official statements, though correct, had put the police in a tight spot and also embarrassed the government," another official said.

"Though we have information about the reasons that drove him (Dharmegowda) to take the hasty step, we are yet to corroborate them. Until then, we cannot pinpoint any particular reason," the official said, adding that the process of recording the statements was being done.

Dharmegowda, a JD(S) MLC and the Vice-Chairman of the Legislative Council, was found dead on a rail track in Chikkamagaluru district, on Tuesday morning.

# Security deployed around Kannada flag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

AMID demands from pro-Maharashtra groups for the removal of a Kannada flag and flagpole raised by Kannada organisations in front of the Belagavi City Corporation office, the local administration has taken steps to ensure protection of the flag.

Last week, a group of Kannada organisations erected the flag and flagpole in front of the city corporation, which is being opposed by pro-Maharashtra groups. A Marathi flag (saffron flag), hoisted by Marathi groups, used to fly in front of the building for several decades, ever since the reorganisation of states.

Despite the struggle for over decades, Kannada groups had not been able to remove the saffron flag. The government, however, shifted the City Corporation to a new building a few years ago and ensured that nobody hoisted a flag on top of the building.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, several Kannada organisations hoisted the Kannada flag a few days ago under the leadership of Kannada leader Shrinivas Talukar.

The pro-Marathi groups, led by Maharashtra Ekikarana Samiti, had set December 31 as the deadline for removing the Kannada flag and had presented several memorandums to the deputy commissioner and police commissioner. The leaders had threatened to replace the Kannada flag with a Marathi flag if the government did not act immediately.

To avoid any controversy, the local administration has put up a barricade and stationed policemen around the flagpole.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE PURPOSE

# Dec 31 brings in ₹150 cr excise revenue

Collection slightly higher than last year, but weekly sales figures show a decline, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN spite of Corona mutant virus fears and prohibitory orders, liquor worth thousands of crore vwas sold on December 31, bringing in Rs 150.94 crore in excise revenue till 4 pm. Excise Minister H Nagesh claimed that the actual figure is Rs 161 crore.

This is a slight increase over the last year's figures. But as compared to the sale of liquor over the entire week, this year has seen a decrease. Nagesh said, "The weekly numbers could be less because of the many restrictions in place."

Prohibitory orders were in place in Bengaluru from 12 noon on December 31 till 6 am on January 1, dampening the party spirit.

A senior Excise official told *The New Indian Express* that majority of consumers would have picked up liquor earlier, and the December 31 figures could be just indicative.

"These figures are only a broad indication, although the actual consumption could be way higher. The sales over the last few days have brought in revenue worth Rs 571 crore to the state's coffers," he said

On December 28, Rs 166 crore revenue was earned, on December 29, it was Rs 131 crore and on December 30, it was around Rs 40 crore, Excise officials said.

On December 31, 2.23 lakh boxes of Indian Made Liquor (IML) were sold, earning a revenue of Rs 120.21 crore, and 1.73 lakh boxes of beer flew off the counter, bringing in Rs 30.73 crore revenues, Excise Department sources said.

On the same day last year, 3.62 lakh boxes of IML and 1.30 lakh boxes of beer were sold, earning Rs 119.97 crore in revenues.

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>
> Senior Excise official

# 'Viral video not from state, but stay safe'

MANJU SHETTAR @Bengaluru

A video of gang of men armed with sticks, flashing a torch and approaching a car, has gone viral on social media over the last few days. Although the Bengaluru police say no such took place anywhere in Karnataka, they have cautioned motorists not to fall prey to such a modus operandi on isolated stretches on the highways.

The 25-second video clip — captured probably on the dashboard camera — shows a group of men using a flashlight on an oncoming driver to force him to stop the car, seemingly with the intention of robbing the occupants. The frightened driver, realising the intentions of the gang, starts backing up even as the gang starts hurling stones and objects at the vehicle. But the driver manages to escape the scene in his car.

A car's dashcam captures the gang's activities, at an unverified location.

The footage made it to some local TV channels, which claimed that the incident had taken place on NICE Road on the city's outskirts. However, the city police, who assessed the footage, have learnt that it is an old video footage and that the incident actually took place somewhere in Bihar.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Harish Pandey said, "We examined the video footage that went viral. No such incident occurred in or around the city. We also checked whether such an incident occurred in our division a few months ago, but we have found nothing. People need not panic as police patrolling has been intensified everywhere."

Another senior police officer said the video appears to have captured a new modus operandi of highway robbers. He said though such robbers will not dare stop vehicles on busy highways, they may target occupants of vehicles moving through isolated highway stretches where the density of traffic is low. He said the police have identified such stretches and have even removed speed breakers to allow cars to pass through such stretches quickly and reduce the time available for robbers to target them. The video that went viral had showed the car negotiating a road hump and the gang targeting the driver just at that time.

EXPRESS READ

## Fire breaks out at IAS/IPS quarters, no injuries reported

BENGALURU: Panic briefly gripped the IAS and IPS officers' quarters in Vasanth Nagar on Thursday night, after a fire broke out accidently on the premises. The fire, which started in a lift on the first floor, soon spread to one of the flats. Fortunately, no casualties were reported. A senior police officer said that the incident occurred at 9 pm. A resident who noticed a flame, alerted the Fire and Emergency Department, who quickly deployed two fire tenders on the scene. The fire was eventually dealt with in an operation lasting close to one-and-half hours. An investigation pointed at an electrical short circuit as having caused the fire. Speaking to TNIE, an officer mentioned that the quarters, which is maintained by the PWD, has 50 flats. On seeing the fire, panicked residents rushed to the ground floor. A security guard also tried putting the fire out, and no one was using the lift at the time of the incident. Since it was a minor fire, there was less damage.

# Conman wooed victims with his 'high-level' contacts: Cops

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A senior police officer said that Prasad allegedly impressed his victims by convincing them that he had contacts with senior officials in the Housing Board. He reportedly even pretended to speak to them over the phone in the presence of his victims while collecting money from them. He is also known to have showed his victims photos of him with several film actors and politicians, who he claimed to have helped get sites in various locations in the city.

The victims have alleged that Prasad sent fake messages to the victims while 'updating' them about their 'application' status and the victims assumed these to be authentic, sent to them by the Housing Board.

The police, citing the victims' complaints, said that Prasad had also introduced himself as an assistant executive engineer in the Public Works Department (PWD) and had showed some film posters to convince them about his filmmaking career.

A police officer said Prasad claimed to have produced a film 'Rajangu Raanigu', which is yet to be launched, while claiming to have directed another film called 'Kaliyugada Kamsa'. However, his name does not figure anywhere on the posters.

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Government of Karnataka ZillaPanchayat, Shivamogga

**Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga**

No.: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/AE-II/JJM/E-Proc/1643/2020-21 Date : 30.12.2020

**Tender Notification (through e-procurement)**

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, item-war tenders are invited for the approved works of implementation of Functional Household Tap Connection for each house under Jal Jeevan Mission in Thirthahalli, Shikaripura Taluks, coming under Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga District for the year 2020-21 from the contractors registered in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department for the period 2020-25 in Class 3 and above as per Standard Tender Documents for e-procurement of work K.W-2 & 3. Those who are paying the cost of forms and EMD in e-payment may be paid through Credit/Debit cards.

**1.** The last date for submission of filled-in tender (e-procurement) : **12.01.2021 till 5.30 P M** **2.** Date and time of opening of technical bid : **13.01.2021 at 5.30 P M, 3.** Date and time of opening of financial bid : **14.01.2021 at 11.30 AM, 4.** Period for completion of works : **60 days.**

If the above dates happens to be a holiday, the next day will be considered. Information on tender works and conditions may be obtained in the Department's website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

| SI NO | Indent No | Amount put to Tenders (in lakhs) | EMD Amount (in Rs.) | Period for completion of work |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30142 | 54.37 | 84000.00 | 60 Days |
| 2 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30143 | 78.79 | 133000.00 | 60 Days |
| 3 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30144 | 61.90 | 96000.00 | 60 Days |
| 4 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30189 | 10.94 | 27500.00 | 60 Days |
| 5 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30174 | 16.19 | 32500.00 | 60 Days |
| 6 | RWSSD/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT30183 | 30.20 | 60500.00 | 60 Days |

DIPR/SMG/No.90-12/zenkar/2020-21

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,** Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 32/2020-21 Date: 02.01.2021**

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy. General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following goods from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

| Sl. No. | Description | Qty. | Approx. Value (Rs. in lakhs) | EMD Amount (in Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Design, Supply, installation, Commissioning and Testing of ON-type braking system suitable for existing 40 HP single drum winder. **HGML/2020-21/OW/WORK_IND291** | - | 12.00 | 30,000/- |
| 2 | Supply of Chemicals Dosing Pumps. **HGML/2020-21/IND2978** | 4 Nos. | 3.60 | 9,000/- |
| 3 | Supply of 110 VAC Traction batteries. **HGML/2020-21/IND2992** | 5 Sets. | 38.43 | 77,000/- |
| 4 | Supply of Motor Driven Portable H.P Breathing Air Compressor. **HGML/2020-21/IND2954** | 1 No. | 3.46 | 9,000/- |
| 5 | Supply of Steel screens. **HGML/2020-21/IND2820/CALL-2** | 150 Nos. | 2.99 | 7,500/- |
| 6 | Procurement of 25 sq mm tralling cable. **HGML/2020-21/IND2998** | 500 Mtrs. | 9.74 | 24,500/- |
| 7 | Procurement of Pit Bottom Buffer for Uti & HBGM. **HGML/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT292** | - | 30.00 | 60,000/- |
| 8 | Supply of Electronic Soft Starter. **HGML/2020-21/IND2906** | 2 Nos. | 2.84 | 7,000/- |

**(1)** Last date for receipt of tender: **30.01.2021 at 4.00 P.M**. **(2)** Opening of Technical Bid on: **03.02.2021 at 10.00 A.M.** Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement portal only & tender processing fees as per e-Portal norms. Please visit website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for submitting the bid. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

**Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Smt. S. CHAITHRA** is intending to mortgage the Schedule Property with SRI. M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED.,KONANAKUNTE BRANCH, BANGALORE in pursuance of a Loan. Any person claiming any right inrespect of the Schedule Property may claim or file objection with all supportive documents, with the undersigned ***within 7 days*** from the date of publication, failing which my client will proceed with the mortgage of Schedule Property and any claim / objection made thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Site No.57,** in Katha No.24/2, PID No.186-W0183-34, situated at JARAGANAHALLI VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now the Property comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.186, Bangalore, Measuring East to West : 42 ft., and North to South : 30 ft., totally measuring 1260 Square feet and bounded on:-

**East by : Private Property**
**West by : 30 feet Main Road**
**North by : Site No.58**
**South by : Site No.56**

*Sd/-*

**K. RAMA MOHAN, Advocate,**
No.112/A, 5th Cross, 7th Main, Srinivasanagar, BSK I Stage, BANGALORE-560 050.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public is hereby informed that our client, Sri. Mukesh Kumar S, S/o. Shantilal B. Jain, residing at HB Halli, Bellary District, Karnataka 583212 has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property described below from its owner Sri. P. Prahalad Rao S/o. Late. V. Puttanarasaiah, residing at the schedule property mentioned herein.

Any person/s, Banks/Financial institutions or any other authority concerned having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest or objection in, to or upon the schedule property and its sale may intimate the same in writing supported by documentary evidence to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of publication hereof, failing which all rights or claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the purchase of the Schedule property as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property No.54, built on site measuring East to West : South 37 Ft, North 43 Ft and South to North : 60 Ft totally measuring 2400 Sqft alongwith a building measuring approxianmtely 1400 sq ft situated at Raghavendra Colony, 5th Main Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018 bearing BBMP khatha no. 54 in ward no.46 (old No.113/1) and bounded as follows :

East by : Road;
West by : Conservancy Lane;
North by: House of Smt. Kamallamma;
South by : House of Sri. Narasimiah;

**SANJAY KUMAR A, Advocate**
**PSA LAW PARTNERS,**
**PSA HOUSE,**
No.47/1a, 1st Floor, 8th Main, 13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. Ph:9886254185

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**YOGAKSHEMAM LOANS LIMITED**

B-16-00103, Door No. 28/449/1
Yogakshemam Appartment
Thiruvambady P.O.
Thrissur – 680 022

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments of pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on **18.01.2021** from 10 a.m. onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice.
List of Pledges:

**J P NAGAR:**210119102898, 2899, 2919, 2978, 3317, 3546, 3547, 3575. **KAMMANAHALI:**210118101923, 1987, 2735, 2736, 2748. **MATHIKERE :** 210114103274, 3275, 3636, 3841, 3935, 3942, 4220, 4299, 4300, 4316, 4383. **RT NAGAR:** 210111103294, 3454, 3474, 3475, 3509, 3513, 3537, 3544, 3564, 3574, 3588, 3590, 3593, 3594, 3600. **SUNKADAKATTE :**210115101438, 1953, 2416, 2457, 2458, 2750, 2752, 2753, 2770. **BANNARGHATTA :** 210123100502, 596, 599, 601, 603, 715, 716, 717, 722, 731, 735, 736, 750, 864. **PEENIYA :** 210134100025, 238, 321, 510, 587, 619, 632. **KATHRIKUPPA :** 210131100025. **MALUR :** 210135100309, 567, 610. **HOSAKOTE :** 210128100476. **DODDABOMMASANDRA :** 210133100277, 567

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit **Rs. 25,000**/- or 2% of the reserve price whichever is less (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of DD (Drawn on Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.) one day prior to the auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card / PAN card. For more details please contact: **0487-2335719.**

Authorised Officer,
Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Our client has negotiated to purchase the property scheduled below, from its present owner Smt. Shobha W/o. Sri. Arvind, residing at No. 30/37, 'Sheetal Kunj', Sri Rama Temple Road, 6th block, Koramangala, Ejipura, Bengaluru - 560 047.

Objections, if any, to the proposed transaction of sale or claims, if any, in respect of the schedule property may be lodged with the undersigned in writing, with the supporting documents, within ten (10) days from hereof, failing which, our client shall proceed to finalise and complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being the residential vacant site bearing present BBMP Khata No. 2060/1987/739/2056 (site No. 739, in the BDA approved layout, formed by the BEML House Building Co. Operative Society Limited, carved out of the Sy. Nos. 90, 98/1, 143 to 146, 166/1,2,3, 167/1,2, 168 to 172, 176/1,2 177, 221/1,2 & 222), situated at BEML 4th Stage, Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now within the limits of BBMP Ward No. 160 (Rajarajeshwarinagar), measuring East to West 40 ft., North to South 60 ft., totally measuring 2400 sq.ft., and bounded as follows:

East by : Site bearing No. 740
West by : Site bearing No. 738
North by : Site bearing No. 668
South by : Road.

**J. RANGA RAJAN, S.N. RAVEENDRA**
**H.T. RANGE GOWDA, SINCHANA**
**J.R. ASSOCIATES,** Advocates
No. 1/5, Jinka Plaza, 1st floor,
6th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01.01.2021

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**Office of The Executive Engineer,**
**PWD Special Division, Shivamogga**

Phone No.: 08182 – 222942, e-mail spdivision@gmail.com

**Short-Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)**

**I.F.T. No.:40/2020-21 2nd Call Date:31.12.2020**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 ( two cover system) for Bhadravathi Talluk approved under H/A 5054-04-337-0-01-422- SCP & 5054-04-337-0-01-423-TSP Amount put to Tender is max. Rs. 60.96 lakhs & min. Rs. 47.19 lakhs and EMD is max. Rs. 1.22 lakhs & min. Rs. 0.94 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 04 months including Monsoon.

The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal from 01-01-2021 to 08-01-2021 Last date for Receipt of Tender is on 08-01-2021 The Technical bid will be opned on 11-01-2021 and Financial bid will be opened after 12.01.2021 More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga**

DIPR/smg/No.97/12/mca/2020-21

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**THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.
General Manager : 26617980 : Tele Fax : (080) 26617980

**SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION**

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

| Sl No | Name of the Borrower & Address Description of property | Boundaries & Measurement | Amount of Secured debt | Date of Public Auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Sri. Kumar. P** No.8/1, 1st Cross, Bhasyam Nagar, Srirampuram, Bengaluru-21. New No. 8/1, Old No. 8, 1st Cross, Labour Colony, PID No. 24-4-8/1, Bashyam Nagar, BMP Ward No. 24, Bengaluru. | **East to West : 10 feet & North to South : 24 feet East by : Property No. 07 West by : Western Portion of property No. 08 belongs to S. Ponnuswamay North by : Road, South by : Conservancy** | **Rs. 1,47,919/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 13,91,000/-** | **05-02-2021 10.00 A.M** |
| 2. | **Smt. Naseera Banu. S. A** No.36/1, 3rd Cross Road, Rayapuram, Bengaluru-18. No.36/1, 3rd Cross, Rayapuram, BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevanramnagar, PID No. 44-107-36/1, Bengaluru. | **East to West : 26.8 feet & North to South : 12.3 feet East by : Lane Previously 2nd Cross Road, West by : Same Property belongs to M. Jacob North by : Property belongs to M. James, F. Anthony Dass, F. George, F. Sagaya Mary and F. Yesuraj South by : 4th main Road** | **Rs. 3,05,857/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 18,49,000/-** | **05-02-2021 10.30 A.M** |
| 3. | **Sri. Nasiruddin. M** No.45, 1st Cross Behind Vinayaka Theatre Anjanappa Lane Chamarajapet, Bengaluru. New Municipal No.256/11, Old Site No. 256, 1st Main Road, Devaraj Urs Nagar, Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-52- 256/11, BBMP Ward No. 43,Bengaluru. | **East to West: 25 Feet & North to South: 20 feet. East by : Property of Corporation West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 255 belongs to others,** | **Rs. 22,55,001/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 30,89,000/-** | **05-02-2021 11.00 A.M** |
| 4. | **Smt. V. Mahalakshmi Ramesh Babu @ Mahalakshmi** No.1, 1st Main road, 7th Cross, 1st Stage, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10. No.1, Survey No.17, West of Chord Road, 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, Shivanahalli, Manjunathanagar Slum Layout, PID No. 20-35-1, Shivanagar, BMP Ward No. 20, Bengaluru. | **East to West: 20+19.3 feet & 2 North to South: 12+13.3 feet 2 East by : Road, West by : Property No. 3, North by : Private property, South by : Property No. 2** | **Rs. 7,58,292/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 18,17,000/-** | **05-02-2021 11.30 A.M** |
| 5. | **Sri. M Ramesh** No.34, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Vidyaranya nagar, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. No.34, Eastern Portion Magadi Road, Vidyaranyanagar, PID No.33-14-34, BBMP Ward No.33 of Vijayanagar, Bengaluru. | **East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 45 feet East by : Property No.33, West by : Portion of property bearing No. 34/1 belongs to Sri. Dhanashekar Measuring 15X45 feet, North by : Road, South by : Property bearing No. 65,** | **Rs. 8,93,347/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 41,83,000/-** | **05-02-2021 12.00 P.M** |
| 6. | **Sri. Nazeer Khan** No.18, 3rd Cross, B Street, Gopalapuram, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. No.18, 'B' Street, Gopalapura, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Rama Chandrapura, PID No. 25-64-18, Bengaluru. | **East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 28 feet East by : Conservancy Galli, West by : Conservancy Galli & House belongs to Sri. Poojappa North by : House belongs to Sri. Shukur Sab South by : Road** | **Rs. 16,85,570/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 26,92,000/-** | **05-02-2021 12.30 P.M** |
| 7. | **Smt. Ramakka (Deceased) Legal Representatives by : 1) Srinivasa. M & 2) Ashoka. M (Son's) 3) Shanthamma, 4) Lakshmi & 5) Manjula (Daughter's)** No.05, Lalbagh Siddpura, J.C. Colony, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bengaluru-11. Old No.5, New No.19, Lalbagh Siddapura, A.K. Colony, 1st Block, Jayanagar, PID No. 62-137-19, BMP Ward No. 62, Hombegwoda Nagar, Bengaluru. | **East to West: 23 feet & North to South: 32 feet East by : Site No.4 belong to S.K. Nagaraj West by : Site No. 6 belongs to Muniyappa North by : Private Road, South by : Driver Venkataswamy's House No. 10** | **Rs. 5,08,529/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 26,74,000/-** | **05-02-2021 2.00 P.M** |
| 8. | **Smt. Gowramma** No.39, Lalbagh Siddapapura J.C. Colony, Jayanagar, 1st Block, Bengaluru-11. New Municipal No. 39, Lalbagh Siddapura, Harijana Colony, Jayanagar, PID No-62-137-39, Hombegowda Nagar, BMP Ward No. 62, Bengaluru. | **East to West : 20 feet & North to South : 24 feet East by : Private Property West by : G. Muniyappa's House No. 40 North by : Road South by : Chinnappa's House No. 32.** | **Rs. 10,42,528/- (Interest from 28.12.2020) Notice Date : 28.12.2020 Reserve Price Rs. 17,53,000/-** | **05-02-2021 2.30 P.M** |

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No. 3, Pampa Maha kavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like st duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorised officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd., Administrative office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512, they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Date : 01.01.2021
Place: Bangalore

**Sd/- Authorized Officer**
**The Bangalore City Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that our client **Sri. P. Malikonda Reddy S/o Sri. Chinnakunda Reddy,** has lost original Sale deed dated25.05.2018, Bearing Document No. KRI-1-01675-2018-19, stored in CD No. KRID621, registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, K.R Puram, Bangalore pertaining to Site no. 07, Property No. 64/3,64/4,64/5 and 64/6, situated at **Bidarahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore** measuring east to West 27 feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 810 Square feet and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No. 06, **West by :** Land belonging to Rajanna, **North by:** Private property and **South by:** Road. In this regard, a police complaint dated 01.01.2021 was lodged with Bangalore City Police in lost report bearing No. 000136/2021. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

**C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES**
**Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN** M.A., LL.B.
**Advocates & Legal Consultants**
No. 235 (Old No.13), 9th Main, 4th Block, Near SLV Uniworth Classic Apts, Maruthi Badavane, Hennur Cross,Kalyan Nagar Post Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845846428
Bangalore Date : 01-01-2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that our client **Sri. Venkataramana Reddy. K S/o Sri. Nagi Reddy. K** has lost original Sale deed dated 30.09.2006, Bearing Document No. KRI-1-21757-2006-07, stored in CD No. KRID255, registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, K.R Puram, Bangalore pertaining to property bearing Site No. 26, Katha No. 311, Property No. 81/1, situated at **Maragondanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, (Formerly Bangalore South Taluk), Bangalore,** Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on the **East by :** 30 Feet wide road, **West by :** Site No. 29 **North by :** Site No. 27 and **South by:** Site No. 25. In this regard, a police complaint dated 01.01.2021 was lodged with Bangalore City Police in-lost report No.000132/2021. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our client and they shall do so at their own risk.

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Bangalore Date : 01-01-2021

## CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

**Credit Recovery and Management Department**
**Administrative Office :** No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

### POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001** and one of the Branch Offices at **No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **24-10-2019 followed by paper publication dated 23-11-2019** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar, 303, G R Lavender Apartments, Behind Ramaiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar, No.116, Birds Vacation, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Shastrinagara, Bengaluru - 560 028. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar, Flat No.C-1301, 13th Floor, Block-D, Tivoli, SH-35 Hosakote-Varthur Main Road, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East - 560 067. No.2) Mrs. Shilpa Vishal, W/o. Mr. Vishal Athrey, 303, G R Lavender Apartments, Behind Ramaiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar, No.116, Birds Vacation, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Shastrinagara, Bengaluru - 560 028. Also at:- Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar, Flat No.C-1301, 13th Floor, Block-D, Tivoli, SH-35 Hosakote-Varthur Main Road, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East - 560 067. No.2) Mrs. Shilpa Vishal, W/o. Mr. Vishal Athrey, 303, G R Lavender Apartments, Behind Ramaiah City, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore - 560 078. Also at:- Mrs. Shilpa Vishal, W/o. Mr. Vishal Athrey, Flat No. C-1301, 13th Floor, Block-D, Tivoli, SH-35 Hosakote-Varthur Main Road, Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East - 560 067** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,14,44,332/- (Rupees One Crore Fourteen Lakh Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Two Only)** within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **22-10-2019** with monthly rests.

**The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 28th day of December 2020.**

The borrowers above named in Particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Properties and any dealings with the Properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd., for an amount of **Rs.1,30,10,629/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakh Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Nine Only)** as on **02-12-2020** and interest thereon from **03-12-2020** till the repayment of entire dues.

**The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.**

**Note :** That our **132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance **(CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR: 501812080053388)** dated **28-06-2019** requested by No.1 of you for which No.2 of you stood as Co-obligant for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 21,00,000/-** at a ROI of **13.25%.** The same has been also classified as NPA on **16-07-2019** and the outstanding balance as on **02-12-2020** is **Rs. 25,91,906/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **03-12-2020** till the date of realization.

**Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank**
**(Property Owned by Mr. Vishal Athrey, S/o. Mr. Venkatadasappa Divakar)**

**Schedule - A**

All that piece and parcel of land converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purposes bearing Survey Nos.118 (3 Acres) and 119 (1 Acre 15 Guntas), totally measuring 4 Acres 15 Guntas, bearing Khatha No.120 of Seegehalli Grama Panchayat, situated in Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk which is bounded on the:- East by - 6th Block of Survey No.118, West by - 3rd Block of Survey No.118, North by - Road, South by - Private land and remaining portion of Sy.No.118 (Out of this an extent of 2,100.13 Sq.mtrs. has been relinquished in favour of the Bangalore Development Authority for Road Widening / Formation and the remaining extent of 15,604.71 Sq.mtrs., equivalent to 1.67,968 Sq.ft., is the project land).

**Schedule - B**

Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in the Land in A - Schedule Property to an extent of 1,104.21 Sq.ft., inclusive of Proportionate Undivided Share, Right, Title and Interest in the Common Areas, Internal Pathways, Internal Roads, Club House, Swimming Pool, Landscaping and other Common Amenities and facilities in the project "TIVOLI" in Schedule A - Property.

**Schedule - C**

Apartment bearing No.C - 1301 measuring 2,600 Sq.ft., of Super Built area and 375 Sq.ft., Terrace Area, totally measuring 2,975 Sq.ft., consisting of Three Bed Rooms and one Study Room in Thirteenth and Fourteenth Floor of Vento Block of Building known as "TIVOLI" constructed on Schedule - A Property with One Covered Car Parking area in the Basement Floor bearing Khatha No.120/1-C-1301.

**Place : Bengaluru-Malleswaram, Date: 28-12-2020** **Authorised Officer**

**Regd. Office :** 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
**SPECIALIZED NRI BRANCH BSNL COMPLEX , S V Road, Bangalore - 560 008**
**E-Mail : cb1985@canarabank.com, Phone :080-25599285,25586736**

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
### AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions.

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Names and Address of the secured creditor | **Canara Bank NRI Branch Bengaluru** |
| 2 | Names and Address of the Borrower | **Ravindrachari G K** S/o Kodandaramachari G K,No 53,Veerabrahmendraswamy Magadi Road Bydarahalli Bangalore-560091 |
| 3 | Total liabilities | Net amount due on **29-12-2020. Rs. 74,05,338.00** (Rs Seventy Four Lakhs Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Eight only ) Along with further interest @7.85% + 2% penal interest p.a. and other charges from **29.12.2020** |
| 4. | Last Date & Time of receipt of online tender | **03.02.2021 up to 5.00 P M** |
| 5 | Address in which the online tender to be submitted | The Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, NRI Branch BSNL Complex (DPCD 1985) S V Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru – 560008 |
| 6 | Date and time of e-auction (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration on each bid) | **05.02.2021 11 A M to 12 pm** |
| 6a | Portal for E-auction | **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** |

**6 b. Details of property:** Residential Flat No No D1203, Parkway Tivoli, 12th Floor Comprising of 1370 SQ FT (inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in all common areas) together with One covered Car Parking Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli,Main Road, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka, India
**Reserve Price: Rs.70,00, 000/-** **EMD – Rs.7,00,000/-**

7. **Other terms and conditions:** The auction sale will be online e-auction-through the website **https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com**
a) The property will be sold in **"As is where is & as is what is" condition** including encumbrances, if any.
b) The properties can be inspected between **10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** on Banking days with prior appointment upto **02nd Feb 2021.**
c) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs. 10,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
d) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore **(Mr. Manohar S, Email : manohar.s@antaressystems.com. Contact No. 09686196753/08049352000)**
e) Bidders are advised to go through the website http://www.bankeauctionwizard.com for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction proceedings.
f) Prospective bidders if required may avail online training on e-auction from M/s Antares Systems Limited.
g) EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, **Canara Bank, NRI Branch BSNL Complex Halasuru Bangalore** OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number **1985295000002,** Canara Bank,NRI Branch, BSNL Complex S V Road Halasuru, Bangalore 560008 RTGS/NEFT CODE **CNRB0001985** (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) before submitting the bids online.
h) Bids shall be submitted through online with relevant details.
i) A copy of the bid form along with the enclosure submitted on line shall be forwarded to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, BSNL Complex Branch, Halasuru , Bengaluru (in the address mentioned in clause No.1 above) immediately.
j) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
k) The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by parties shall be forfeited.
l) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges and TDS amount as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
m) It is not within the knowledge of the bank about any taxes, revenue/dues to any local authority and any/all such taxes, revenue/dues to any local/statutory authority, if any, as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder/s only.
n) Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the tender without assigning any reason thereof.
o) The intending bidder/s shall also attach a copy of the PAN Card issued by the income Tax department and his/her identity proof and the proof of residence such as copy of the Passport, Driving license, etc.

**Contact Person:**

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| **H Ravikala, Senior Manager, N R I Branch**<br>**Bangalore Metro - 560 008, ( +91 80 25586736**<br>**Mob:9483501985 ( +91 80 25599285**<br>**managercb1985@canarabank.com** | **M/s Antares Systems Limited**<br>**Contact Person : Mr. Manohar S,**<br>**Email : manohar.s@antaressystems.com.**<br>**Contact No. 09686196753/08049352000.**<br>**Website: https://www.bankeauctionwizard.com** |

**Special Instruction/Caution**

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

**Place: Bangalore** **Sd/- Authorised officer**
**Date: 29.12.2020** **Canara Bank**

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## Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 029, Karnataka
Phone: 080-29753350/54/56, Email: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com

**No. KBOCWWB/TENDER/19/2020-21** **Date: 01.01.2021**

### E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Short term E-Tenders (two bid system- Technical and Financial bids) are hereby invited from interested Agencies for the following Goods Tenders and period as per the Terms of Reference described in this notification.

| Tender Notification No. | Description of Goods | Period of Contract | Earnest Money deposit (EMD) |
|---|---|---|---|
| KBOCWWB/ Tender/19/ 2020-21 | Supply and delivery of CANVAS MASON TOOL KIT BAGS (Kalburgi- Division). | Three Months | Rs. 96,000/- |

Tenders should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** of the Government of Karnataka. Last date for applying is **18.01.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.** Further details & information can be obtained from the Joint Labour Commissioner, KBOCWWB during office hours.

**Sd/-**
**Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB**

DIPR/DDU/JA/2251/2020-21

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## STATE BANK OF INDIA

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**Appendix – IV-A**
**[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]**
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

**E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.01.2021** for recovery of **Rs. 1,47,90,463/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty Seven Lakhs Ninety Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three only) as on 31.12.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. K.V.Sundhar** S/o. Kollavaari Venugopal Naidu and **Smt. Lakshmi Priya** W/o. K V Sundar (Borrowers). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

| Property No. | Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold) | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid increment amount | Last date for receipt of EMD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rs. 1,05,00,000/- | Rs. 10,50,000/- | Rs. 1,00,000/- | 19.01.2021 |

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

**Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/SK/617**
**Property No. 1 : (Title deed holders: Sri.K.V. Sundhar and Smt. Lakshmi Priya)**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site Nos. 20 and 21, formed out in Sy. No. 96, Converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order no. B.Dis.ALN.SR (N) 156/92-93, dated: 22.12.1992, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Amruthalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Present BBMP Katha No. 429/ 20-21, measuring East to West 45.00 feet and North to South (47+44)/2 feet totally measuring 2047.5 sq feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: 30feet Road, North by: Road and Private property and South by: Site No. 22.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com and www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTION

Date: 02.01.2021 Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB Bengaluru

## STATE BANK OF INDIA

Akkur Branch, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District

### POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property ) Rule 8 (1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as Mentioned below, calling upon the Borrower/Mortgager/Guarantor/Legal Heirs as mentioned below , to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice as mentioned below along with further interest & other charges within 60days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor/Legal Heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/mortgagor/Legal Heirs as mentioned below and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the said rules as for possession notice dated as mentioned below The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor/ Legal Heirs in particular and the public general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India, Akkur Branch, Ramanagra District** for an amount mentioned as below and along with interest and charges thereon, as applicable, till the date of realization of dues.

**Branch: Akkur Branch, Ramanagara District :** Borrower: **M/s.Sowmya Traders, Prop. Venkataramu A G S/o Late Giriyappa,** Akkur Village and Post, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District-562138 **Demand Notice Date:** 19.06.2019**. Possession Notice** Date: 29.12.2020. Amount: **Rs.6,33,591/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty three Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety One Only)** as on 20.06.2019 and interest + expenses. **Description of the Property:** All that piece and parcel property No.1529001034008110049O, Kaneshumari No.542, measuring East to West 46.6344 Mtrs and North to South 23.4696 Mtrs, Situated at Akkur Village, Akkur Grama Panchayath, Virupakshipura Hobli , Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar District. **Bounded by: East** – Property of Venkategowda, **North** – Nagapura Road, **West** – Ambadahalli Road**, South** – Property of Kadegowda.

**Branch: Akkur Branch, Ramanagara District :** Borrower: **Smt. Bhagyamma W/o Late Nagaraju,** Akkur Village and Post, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District. **Demand Notice Date:** 25.10.2019**. Possession Notice** Date: 29.12.2020. Amount: **Rs.6,07,881/- (Rupees Six Lakh Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One Only)** as on 26.10.2019 and interest + expenses. **Description of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property No.152900103400120099, Kaneshumari no.519/1B Akkur village, Akkur Grama Panchayath, Virupakshipura Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagar District , measuring East to West 10.68 Mtrs and North to South 29.56 Mtrs. **Bounded by: East –** House of Jayaramu, **North** – By Road, **West** – House of Krishnegowda**, South** – By Road

Date: 01-01- 2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Akkur State Bank of India, RBO -1, Bangalore

## PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **SADANANDA RAO. K.,** have lost my original Sale Deed dated: 30-06-1986 registered under Document No. 1639/1986 of Book No. 1, Volume No. 1193, in Pages 135 to 138 on 15-07-1986 before the Sub-Registrar Chingleput and the Sub-Registration District of Walajabad, in respect of the Plot No.34, measuring : 1800 Sq.ft. in No. 112, Uthukadu Village, Kancheepuram Taluk, Chingleput District, under Sy.No. 547/2 in the Registration District of Chingleput and the Sub-Registration District of Walajabad, bounded on the : North by : Plot No. 23, South by : 30 Ft. Road, East by : Plot No.35, West by : Plot No. 33, while travelling near Vijayanagar Bus Stand. Lost Report No.000090/20-21 dated : 1/1/2021.
If anybody found the said document, the same may be returned to me and my Phone Number is **9945727107.**
Bangalore Date: 01-01-2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the original Sale Deed dated 18.01.1963, registered as document No.4807/1962-63 of Book-I, Volume 358 at pages 155-161, at the office of Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore pertaining to the Schedule Property is lost. Our client, Sri. P.Prahalad Rao S/o. Late. V.Puttanarasaiah, the absolute owner of the schedule property has lodged a Police complaint before Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police on 28.12.2020 and our client has not authorized anyone else to transact in respect of the Schedule Property nor to create any kind of encumbrance on the same.

Anybody transacting in respect of the Schedule Property with any person/s shall be doing so at their own risk and cost and our client shall not be responsible for the same in any manner. If any person/s finds out the same, the Public is hereby requested to return the same to the address mentioned hereunder and for which our client is highly obliged and thankful.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property No.54, built on site measuring East to West : South 37 Ft, North 43 Ft and South to North : 60 Ft totally measuring 2400 Sq ft alongwith a building measuring approxianmtely 1400 sq ft situated at Raghavendra Colony, 5th Main Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018 bearing BBMP khatha no.54 in ward no.46 (old No.113/1) and bounded as follows :
**East by** : Road;
**West by** : Conservancy Lane;
**North by** : House of Smt.Kamallamma;
**South by** : House of Sri.Narasimiah;

**SANJAY KUMAR A, Advocate**
**PSA LAW PARTNERS, PSA HOUSE,**
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## HDFC BANK

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Reg Office : HDFC BANK House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel West, Mumbai- 400013.
Branch Ofiice : HDFC Bank Ltd., Dept. for Special Operations,
2nd Floor Essel Chambers, 7 & 7/1, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bangalore- 560027

**E-Auction Sale notice**

### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
### LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS 04.02.2021 UPTO 4:00 PM

Sale of immovable property mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 **(SARFAESI ACT)** and Rules framed thereunder.

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of HDFC BANK had taken possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued under Sec 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in the following loan accounts with right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for realization of Bank's dues plus interest as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said property/ies. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

| Name of the Branch & Account | Name of the owner of the property & Guarantors | Details of Property | Amount as per Demand Notice / Demand Notice Date | Inspection Date and Time | Reserve Price / EMD / Bid increase amount | Date / Time of e-Auction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HDFC BANK LTD, Dept for Special Operations 2nd Floor, Essel Chambers 7 & 7/1, Lalbagh Road Richmond Circle Bangalore 560 027<br><br>Account : M/s. Narayanaa Electrical Solutions P Ltd | Mr. U. Narayana Murthy and Mr. U. Narasimha Murthy (Owners)<br>----------<br>Account (Guarantors)<br>Mr. U. Narayana Murthy, Mr. U. Narasimha Murthy, Mrs. Rajeevi Narayana Murthy and Mrs. Dhakashayanamma | All that part and parcel of the property bearing No.428, measuring East to west 40 feet and North to South 60 Feet situated 2nd Stage West of Chord Road, Bangalore together with 2000 Square feet RCC construction in the Ground and First Floor, built using bricks with Mosaic flooring with teak wood doors and windows together with all appurtenances attached to the same and bounded as follows: East by: Property bearing No. 429, West by: Property bearing No. 427, North by: 12th Cross Road, South by: Property bearing No. 431 | Rs. 12,41,85,409.53<br>23.08.2010 | 27.01..2021<br>11:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M. | Rs. 3,00,00,000/-<br>Rs. 30,00,000/-<br>Rs. 1,00,000/- | 08.02.2021<br>11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon |

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

1. The e-Auction is being held on "**AS IS WHERE IS**" and "**AS IS WHAT IS BASIS**".
2. The EMD shall be payable through Pay Order/ Demand Draft of Nationalized / Scheduled Bank drawn in favor of "**HDFC BANK Limited-A/c Narayanaa Electrical Solutions P Ltd**" payable at Bangalore. It should reach the office of the HDFC BANK LTD., at Dept for Special Operations, 2nd Floor, Essel Chambers, 7 & 7/1, Lalbagh Road ,Richmond Circle Bangalore 560 027, latest by 4:00 pm on or before 04.02.2021. Offers below the Reserve Price / without EMD or qualified / conditional offers shall be disqualified.
3. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is encumbrance on the property statutory dues like property taxes, etc. The Bank however shall not be responsible for any outstanding statutory dues/encumbrances/tax or other arrears, if any. The intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. Buyers may inspect the property on 27.01.2021 from 11.00 AM TO 4:00 PM.
4. The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact **M/s. C1 INDIA Pvt. Ltd., Contact person** Mr. Gangadhara Nayak, Mobile No. 9900711744, e-mail ID: karnataka@c1india.com, support@bankeauctions.com. For any property related query, you may contact **Mr. Srivathsan Varadhan, Senior Manager & Authorised Officer - Dept. For Special Operations, Mobile No: 07022570664, e-mail ID: srivathsan.varadhan@hdfcbank.com** during office hours only on working days (10:00 am to 05:00 pm).
5. The highest bid shall be subject to approval of HDFC Bank Limited. Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept / reject all or any of the offers/ bids so received without assigning any reasons whatsoever. His decision shall be final & binding on all the bidders.

**(FOR DETAILED TERM AND CONDITIONS PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE**
www.hdfcbank.com and www.bankeauctions.com
**Date: 02.01.2021** Authorised Officer
**Place: Bangalore** Sd/-
HDFC BANK LTD

## STATE BANK OF INDIA

**STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU**

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Contact : CCO – Sri.Prem Kumar.
Mob.No.9108917324

**Appendix – IV-A**
**[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]**
**Sale notice for sale of immovable property**

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **21.01.2021** for recovery of **Rs.1,91,41,898/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety One Lakhs Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight only) as on 31.12.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Balaji Pattabhiram Singh** S/o Muni Balaji Singh (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

| Property No. | Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold) | Earnest Money Deposit | Bid increment amount | Last date for receipt of EMD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rs.1,71,00,000/- | Rs.17,10,000/- | Rs.2,00,000/- | 19.01.2021 |

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

**Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/PK/616:**
**Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Balaji Pattabhiram Singh)**

**Schedule 'A' for Residential Buildings:** All that Property measuring 36,163.87 sq meters forming portion of vacant land bearing municipal nos. 26 and 26/1, New No. 26/1, situated in Industrial Suburb, "A" Block, Subramanyanagar, Municipal Ward No. 9, Rajajinagar Extension (Malleswaram West), Bengaluru and bounded on East by: Railway parallel Road – Yeshwanthpur Railway Line, West by: Dr. Rajkumar Road and remainin/g portion of Larger property, North by: Remaining portion of larger property and South by: Vivekananda College and private properties.
**Schedule 'B' Property - (Undivided Interest) :**164/220213th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership (which comes to 288 sq.ft of land share).
**Schedule 'C' Property - (Apartment) :**All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing No. **H-1108,** property identification No. 9-1-26/1-133/61 in 11th Floor of **"H-Wing-Phoenix** in "**Brigade Gateway**", built in the Schedule 'A' property and measuring 1360 squre feet of built up area, 280 sq. ft., of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and all other areas of common use and totally measuring 1640 sq.ft of super built up area with one top covered car parking area in slot no. 1725 in H Block Lower Basement and the apartment bounded by East by: Open towards Open Space in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, West by: Lobby in 11th Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, North by: Apartment No. H-1107 in 11th Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway and South by: Open towards open space in H-Wing Phoenix, in Brigade Gateway

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com and www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTION

Date: 02.01.2021 Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB Bengaluru

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Andhra Pradesh bagged third position in the 'best performing state' category in the annual awards for implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) Mission. CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy received the awards from Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday

# 1 pc active Covid cases, TN enters '21 with hope

In June 2020, state saw its peak with active case rate of 50 per cent

OMJASVIN MD @ Chennai

TO begin the year on a positive note, is an adage that almost everyone has grown up listening. However, 2020 made sure everyone cringed at the slightest mention of the word 'positive'. The country literally, rode high on the Covid wave, and Tamil Nadu too has had its share. However, call it the turn of tables or time, the State has seen a drop in its positivity rate, of late, thanks to the vigorous testing.

It was on June 1, 2020 that Tamil Nadu saw its peak of Covid infection, with an active case rate of 50 per cent and a 10 per cent positivity rate. Six months later, 2021 began with a low active case rate of 1.03 per cent and a meagre 1.3 per cent positivity rate. Chennai, one of the worst affected districts in the State, recorded a whopping 11,540 tests being conducted on the New Year's eve.

A vaccine mock drill being conducted in Poonamallee near Chennai on Friday

With a sizable population being tested and infected in Tamil Nadu, experts suggest a clinical approach for testing, with a focus on airports and railway stations. "Random tests across the city could be reduced and doctors must be advised to report symptoms of Covid to civic authorities without fail, so their contacts could be traced down," said Dr Jacob John, a virologist. He added that testing should continue at airports. "We still have the infection everywhere in small numbers and the new UK variant spreads faster. However, it is not much different from the previous variants," John said, adding that it would still put uninfected people in a vulnerable position.

Health officials say there won't be any change in the testing and containment measures in coming months.

### Kerala slashes testing rates, again

T'Puram: IN a bid to encourage more testing, the state has reduced the Covid-19 testing charges in private laboratories, Health Minister K K Shailaja said on Friday. The RT-PCR test will cost ₹1,500 while the rapid antigen tests cost ₹300, Expert Nat will cost ₹2,500, True NAT ₹1,500, and RT-LAMP for ₹1,150.

### Vaccine mock drill at 4 TS centres

Hyderabad: The first dry-run for the Covid-19 vaccine roll out will be held at four healthcare facilities in Hyderabad and three across Mahbubnagar district on Saturday. This is being done as part of the Centre's notification to choose the State capital and a relatively inaccessible terrain in the State to hold the trial to strengthen the system.

### Dry run at 39 sites in Andhra

Vijayawada: Vaccine mock drill will be conducted at 39 sites in each district of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday. They include a teaching or a district hospital, an outreach session site and a private facility. Like in the two-day dry run, a total of 25 beneficiaries will be given dummy vaccine at each of the 39 locations across the State. All arrangements have been made as per Centre's guidelines.

EXPRESS READ

### KERALA SCHOOLS PARTIALLY REOPEN AFTER 10 MONTHS

Thiruvananthapuram: Schools in Kerala partially reopened on Friday after more than nine months of closure in the wake of pandemic. Arrangements were made to welcome students of Classes 10 and 12 in strict compliance with safety protocols. Students were scanned for fever with forehead thermometers and they were given sanitisers. As per safety guidelines, the strength of students per day has been limited.

### Former SC judge adopts school he studied in

Bengaluru: Former Supreme Court judge Justice Gopala Gowda, has adopted the government school in which he studied in Pedduru, Chikkaballapura district. Justice Gowda took this step on the request of Prof MR Doreswamy, advisor, Eductaion Reforms, Karnataka, who has welcomed the gesture of the retired judge while hoping this act would inspire other judges and philanthropists to follow suit and adopt more schools.

### Electrician falls to death from 2nd floor in Bengaluru

Bengaluru:In a freak accident, a 53-year-old electrician fell to his death from the second floor of an under-construction building at Sunkadakatte on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Chikkamariyappa, who belonged to Kunigal. He was residing in Tulasinagar on Magadi Road. A senior police officer said the incident took place at 4.30 pm. Chikkamariyappa was working standing in a trolley on the second floor. He, however, lost balance and fell all the way down on the ground floor. A security guard rushed him to a nearby hospital, but he was declared brought dead.

# TEMPLE IDOLS VANDALISED IN AP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Rajamahendravaram/Visakhapatnam

CLOSE on the heels of vandalism of an idol at Ramatheertham temple in Vizianagaram district, two more such incidents took place in the State, one each in Rajamahendravaram of East Godavari district and Paderu of Visakhapatnam district, evoking a public outcry.

In the small hours of Friday, unidentified miscreants targeted the Lord Vinayaka temple at Sriram Nagar area in Rajamahendravaram. The temple priest found the idol of Subramanyeswara Swamy with its hands broken, when he opened the temple on Friday morning for rituals. It happened hours after Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy condemned the desecration of the idol in Ramatheertham of Vizianagaram district and directed the police department to initiate stern action.

Horrified at seeing the broken hands of the idol of Subramanyeswara Swamy, priest Murali Krishna immediately alerted temple trustee and TDP leader Ganni Krishna. Latter, he alerted the police. On receiving the information about vandalisation in the temple, Rajamahendravaram central zone DSP Santosh and Circle Inspector Durga Prasad along with clue teams went to the spot and took up investigation.

DSP Santosh said special teams have been formed and clue teams have been pressed into service to nab the culprits. "We are probing the case from all angles. As of now, we have not made any arrest," he said.

As the news of vandalism in the temple spread, devotees gathered at the temple and raised slogans against the State government and chanted 'Jai Sriram'. They demanded that the culprits be brought to book immediately. Kamalananda Bharati of the Temples Protection Committee demanded that the State government hand over the case to the CBI. Temple Trustee Gannni Krishna, a TDP leader, questioned the silence of Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on the attacks on hindu temples. After chariot fire incident at Narasimha Swamy temple in Antarvedi, some idols in the temple of Puruhutika Devi in Pithapuram were vandalised.

Andhra Pradesh police inspect the Lord Vinayaka temple in Rajamahendravaram, where the idol of Subramanyeswara Swamy was vandalised on Friday | EXPRESS

ZOOMING INTO 2021

Tourists enjoy a boatride in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday to celebrate the first day of the year. The tourism sector in Kerala has woken up after months of shutting down due to the Covid-19 pandemic | VINCENT PULICKAL

# KSOU first varsity in K'taka to offer open distance learning

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CALL it a New Year gift to Mysuru-based Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), the state government has declared it as the sole university of the state to offer Open Distance Learning (ODL) education.

The state cabinet which passed an ordinance in this regard recently, has issued a gazette notification on the same.

Speaking to mediapersons here on Friday, KSOU vice-chancellor Prof Vidyashankar said this would boost the prospects of KSOU as it now becomes the only varsity in the state to run distance learning courses, which is likely to double their admissions in the coming days.

The KSOU – which had hit headlines for over the issue of derecognition and alleged irregularities – seems to be back on track, seeing good admission over the last two years following re-recognition from the University Grants Commission (UGC). KSOU authorities were putting pressure on the state government to give them exclusive rights for offering courses under open and distance learning (ODL) mode and make them the only varsity to offer distance learning education.

With the state government now amending the KSU Act, the primary purpose of founding a separate open university for ODL education is being realised, says Prof Vidyashankar.

"We have all infrastructure, staffers and the state-of-art facilities to run ODL courses. We thank the government and are hopeful of improving admissions and reaching out to people, especially those from rural areas," he said.

The open university has sought permission from the UGC to start ten new programmes in ODL mode which includes Bachelor of Science (B.Sc), BBA, BCA, B.Sc IT, B.Sc Human Development, MA Education, MA Telugu, M.Sc IT, M.Sc botany, M.Sc zoology, M. Sc food science and nutrition.

### Naveen writes to PM, proposes airport at Puri

Bhubaneswar: Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik on Friday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to set up an international airport in Puri to be named after Lord Jagannath. In a letter to the PM, he said the State government has identified the land in Puri for the proposed airport and will proactively support all activities required for establishing it in a record time. "I request that the Ministry of Civil Aviation may be asked to take up this airport as a priority project," he said.

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# Loan apps fraud: ASI turns son over to cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

Putting duty first rather than giving into filial feelings, an ASI from Andhra Pradesh has turned his son over to the Hyderabad Police for his involvement in the loan apps fraud.

The ASI, who works in Kurnool, called up the cybercrime police in Hyderabad and handed over his son to them. He had tipped off the police after he noticed that his son was working in a reputed call centre set up by a Chinese national, who swindled ₹21,000 crore and moved the cash in the form of bitcoins to China.

The ASI, who requested the police not to reveal his identity, had told them that his son K Nagaraju had been handling four call centres in Bengaluru. Nagaraju, who gained experience by managing the call centres, had taken his brother Eswar Kumar to Bengaluru and Pune where they operated the call centres.

The officials said the ASI had asked Nagraju to return home urgently. The son, not suspecting his father's intentions, came home to a team of police waiting at his residence to take him into custody. They shifted him to Hyderabad, and, based on the information that Nagaraju had divulged, the police arrested the head of the four call centres – Zhu Wei alias Lambo.

"We got to know that Yuan Yuan alias Sissi is the kingpin, who had set up the operations in India and is now abroad. Nagaraju and Eswar Kumar monitored the employees of the call centres located in Bengaluru and Pune. They had knowledge about the staff's regular functioning. We have learnt that a whopping ₹21,000 crore had been collected from Indians through the apps," the Hyderabad Police said.

KALAVARA FIND

# *It's Kannada, Sanskrit words on inscription*

The Kalavara inscription

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

TWO years ago, local historians of Udupi had discovered the Kalavara inscription of the Vijyanagara King Devaraya II located near Sri Mahalingeshwara and Subramanya Temple, Kalavara in Kundapura taluk. However, there was ambiguity on the revelations from the discovered inscriptions. Now, a research student — who has also worked as a lecturer teaching History and Archaeology subjects — Shruthesh Acharya Moodubelle unravelled new points from the inscription by restudying it.

Shruthesh said that after the restudy of the inscription, its chronology was known clearly as it was of the time Shakavarusha 1361-neya Varthamana Siddarthi Samvantasarada Kartika Su 5 Lu. But, scholars who studied the inscription earlier had wrongly read it as Shakavarusha 1360 neya Varthamana Siddarthi Samvantasarada Kartika 5 Lu. (So if the timeline is Shakavarusha 1360, it will be equal to Kalayukthi Samvatsara, but this inscription is actually of the Varthamana Siddarthi Samvatasara). Shruthesh also noted that Telugu words are not used in the inscription.

"At the time of re-study, I found that the inscription is in 14th century Kannada script and included Kannada and Sanskrit language," Shruthesh said, opining that the re-study of this inscription threw light on the chronology factor.

He added that scholars earlier wrongly read the last sentence of the inscription 'Narasimgadanama Aramane Madida Dharma' as 'Narasimgadina Ma-Ra– Madida Dharma'.

Shruthesh said restudy of this inscription rectified the previous mistakes and it was helpful in recording the precise historical information.

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WHEREAS, The Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, RACPC, Yelahanka, Bengaluru under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 08.10.2020 calling upon the borrowers:. **Sri.Mohanlal R. Chowdhary** S/o Sri.Rajaram in Individual capacity & as Proprietor of **M/s. Kohinoor Distributors and Sri.Suresh Chowdhary** S/o Sri.Rajaram as Borrower & as Guarantor to the credit facilities availed by **Sri. Mohanlal R Chowdhary** as **Proprietor of M/s. Kohinoor Distributors,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.72,06,976/-** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Six Only) as on 02.10.2020 with future interest at contractual rate from 03.10.2020 together with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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The borrowers/mortgagers/guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.73,74,524/-** (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four Only) as on 29.12.2020 and further interest at contractual rate from 29.12.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc thereon.

***The borrowers/mortgagers/guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.***

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All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Residential Site No.27, carved out of Sy No.275/1, New re-Sy No.275/5, Khatha No.1399/275/5/27, situated at Bagalur Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, converted for non-agricultural / Residential purpose by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru, vide Conversion Order No.B.DIS:ALN.SR(NA)589/2004-05 dated 18.10.2005 with building thereon and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances underneath and above the surface thereto, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet with building thereon, standing in the name of Sri.Suresh Chowdhary S/o Sri.Rajaram and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site No.28 and South by: Site No.26.

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**Date:30.12.2020**

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**No.: DCF/PR/1405/2020-21** **Date: 31.12.2020**

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

This is to bring to the notice of all citizens of Bengaluru that widening and improvement of Sarjapura Road from Outer Ring Road near 'Ibbalur Junction up to BBMP limits near Chikkannahalli, Bengaluru'. Details are given below:

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| **Name of the Project / Application** | Executive Engineer Major Road Widening BBMP |
| **Purpose of removal of tree(s)** | Widening of improvement of Sarjapura Road Outer Ring Road near Ibbalur Junction up to BBMP limits near Chikkannahalli. |
| **Descripton of the area with clear demacration of boundaries or with GPS readings.** | Executive Engineer, Major Road Widening BBMP with following co-ordinates.<br>1. Lat N 12259-14772 and Long E 77406-41244" (Starting Point)<br>2. Lat N 12554-83852 and Long E 774015-50568 (End Point) |
| **Emuration of trees.**<br>**1. Total no trees standing in the project are - 162.**<br>**2. Total no. of trees to be retained - 83.**<br>**3. Total no of trees to be translocation-42.**<br>**4. Total no. of trees proposed to be removed-37.** | List enclosed.<br><br>Description of Trees, species, location, Area Map etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all **(www.bbmp.gov.i.in)** |
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| **Deadline for filling objections** | Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notifications **'Comments should be relevant and specific to the projcet'** |

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**Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests,**
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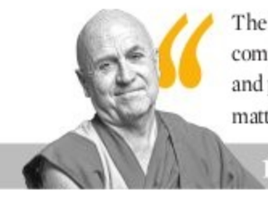

"The question of the environment is complex scientifically, economically and politically. But in the end, it is a matter of altruism versus selfishness

Matthieu Ricard

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— Ramnath Goenka

## NEGOTIATION THE WAY OUT IN KERALA CHURCH DISPUTE

The BJP-led Central government has made a calculated intervention to find a negotiated settlement to the long-standing dispute in Kerala's Malankara Church. Besides being a political gambit ahead of the state Assembly elections, the initiative, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself, certainly gives hope of a peaceful resolution to the intense and often violent tussle between the Orthodox and Jacobite factions of the church. The two groups have been at loggerheads ever since the split more than 100 years ago but the warring intensified in the 1970s, when they started taking control of churches and assets.

In 2017, the Supreme Court upheld the validity of a constitution agreed upon by the groups in 1934 and ruled in favour of the Orthodox faction. While the court verdict effectively handed over the control of nearly 1,100 parishes and churches to the Orthodox group, its implementation proved to be tricky. The state government's reluctance in this regard was obvious. The Orthodox faction, with the help of subsequent court orders, took control of many of the churches but the fight continues for more, with the Jacobites understandably putting up a strong resistance. The state government too had made attempts to bring the factions to the negotiating table. Its efforts for a resolution did not yield results, essentially because the rival groups refused to budge from their stated positions.

Churches, like other places of worship, are also about the faithful. Treating the dispute at hand solely as that of property is fraught with problems. While the SC order cannot be ignored, it must also be understood that the courts have limitations in matters of faith. The fact is the verdict could not end the dispute. So, the prudent option is to look for a peaceful resolution through dialogue that takes into account the court verdict and also all complex issues involved. A beginning has been made towards achieving this objective with the Centre getting involved and the PM hearing out both the factions. Any further progress, however, will hinge on the willingness of the factions to make concessions to each other. Negotiation is a process of give and take. Neither can have all they want.

## CURTAINS DOWN ON THE RAJINI FACTOR

The curtains are finally down on the longest possible political opera, with actor Rajinikanth deciding to take a bow and exit politics before even entering. The actor, who dipped his toes into the political waters two days into December with a "now or never" cry, turned around from taking the plunge two days before the month ended.

The actor was admitted to a hospital last week with high blood pressure and discharged after two days, with a medical advisory to keep indoors and away from stress. He was to announce the launch of his political party by December 31, when news of his hospitalisation kept political pundits and fans guessing, something they are so used to by now. His film peer, Kamal Haasan, dived into the political ocean without as much as a safety jacket, while Rajinikanth chose to remain on the shores, testing the waters with his occasional statements loaded with political overtones. Today, he has erased that footprint on Tamil Nadu's rocky electoral arena.

Rajinikanth's entry may have certainly forced a political realignment in the bastion of the two Dravidian majors as the actor has a significant fan base. His adieu means both the AIADMK and DMK will be able to focus on their vote bank without worrying about the actor. However, Rajinikanth's spiritual politics is very much in alignment with the saffron brand of politicking and that may still be a cause for concern for the two parties. For now, the biggest worry lines will be formed when V K Sasikala, close aide of former CM late J Jayalalithaa, comes out of prison on January 27.

Much importance is now being given to the actor's 'voice' that some feel could still sway voters. Rajinikanth may have scrapped his political plans, but he has said he will "guide his fans" and "not hesitate to speak the truth". There is speculation that his voice could be the climax point of the script. There is no denying that the actor's famous remark in 1996 smoothened the DMK's ride to power, but can he replicate it? The superstar perhaps reckons he can still hold the script.

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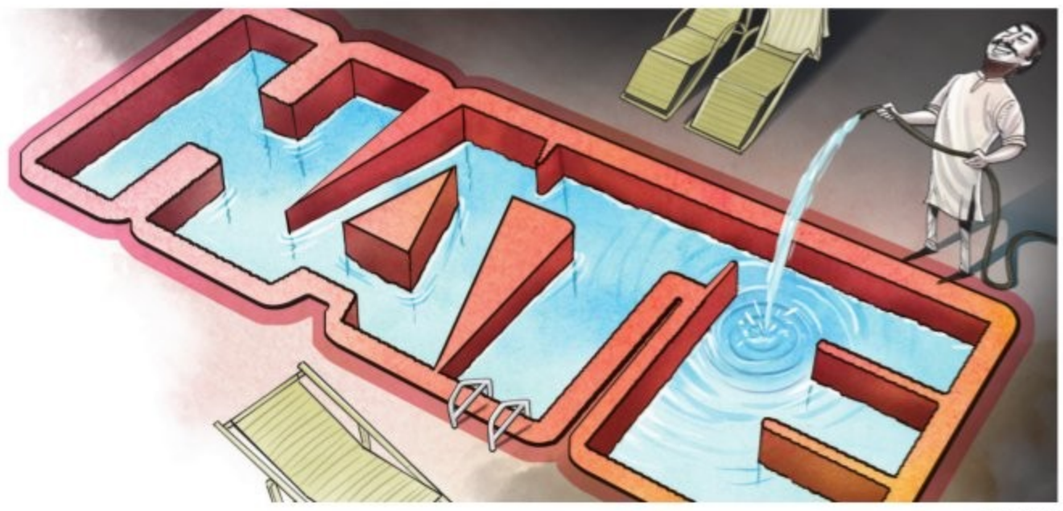
## WHEN HATE IS ALSO AN IDEOLOGY



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KALEESWARAM RAJ

Lawyer, Supreme Court of India

The Supreme Court, in an unprecedented move, interdicted Sudarshan television channel from telecasting a programme called 'Bindas Bol - UPSC Jihad'. Many felt that the telecast was targeted against a particular religious community. A Bench led by Justice Chandrachud is dealing with the legal and constitutional aspects of 'hate speech' in the media at large. The task before the court is to draw the subtle yet important distinction between free speech and hate speech.

British Parliamentarian Bhikhu Parekh said that "(hate speech) lowers the tone of public debate, coarsens the society's moral sensibility and weakens the culture of mutual respect". He explained that it "violates the dignity of the target group by stigmatising them, denying their capacity to live as responsible members of the society". The Indian Supreme Court cautioned about the vices of hate speech in Baburao Patel's case (1980) and the Pravasi Bhalai Sangathan case (2014).

Statutes against hate speech are not uncommon in liberal democracies. Section 14 of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Code in Canada prohibits publications that instigate hatred. India does not have a separate law on hate speech, although one can trace facets of it in different enactments including the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Rule 6 of the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994, prohibits programmes that offend "good taste or decency" or contain matters "contemptuous of religious groups" or promoting "communal attitudes". Also there are other variants of hate speech enumerated in the rule, though the phrase 'hate speech' is not used. Section 5 of the Cable Television Act speaks about programme code, which, if violated, can invite punishment as provided under Section 16 of the Act.

Hate is more than an emotion or state of mind. It is an ideology. It is not limited to a few television shows or newspaper pieces. It is a contagious virus in the polity. It is antithetical to the spirit of the Constitution.

The Constituent Assembly debates are published by the Lok Sabha secretariat in huge volumes in a commendable venture. In the debates, along with enormous erudition and expertise of the members, one finds a great deal of mutual tolerance and understanding. They respected one another with a great sense of deliberative ethics. They built up an edifice for the nation through conversation. The Constitution, in a way, is this conversation crystallised.

No wonder, therefore, that we have a Preamble in the fundamental law that talks not only about justice, liberty and equality but also about fraternity. The Preamble negates hate as an ideology and puts forward its own design for the nation in the making. The assertions of the nation resound in Part III of the Constitution, dealing with fundamental rights. Part IV sets out the directive principles, which are the people's aspirations. These principles reflect the nation's dreams—ranging from gender equality to the community's control over resources. Article 51A(e) in Part IV A, which was incorporated later, talks about the duty to promote harmony and the spirit of "common brotherhood" across "religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities". Article 51A(h) stresses on "scientific temper and humanism".

Statutes based on hate happen in an enabling political climate. ... Physical and cyber threats against citizens for what they are or what they believe in originate in the political factories that manufacture and distribute hate

Rhetoric on fraternity does not ensure its practice. The problem, however, is that we lose even the rhetoric. When fraternity is lost not merely in the newsrooms, but even in the legal and political landscape, there is betrayal of the Constitution.

The statutes based on hate do not pass the constitutional muster even at a philosophical level. The state cannot punish the citizens for their individual choices, unless those harm the society. Laws cannot rest on imaginary postulates for punishing the citizen. There is enough empirical data from Uttar Pradesh to reveal the draconian character of the law on 'love jihad'. Victims are the best judges of the law. Many innocuous people demonstrated the inherent danger of such laws. The provisions are harsh and divisive. They reflect the state's encroachment into forbidden zones of citizen's privacy. They interfere with the fundamental human instinct for intimacy and relationships.

But these legislations do not emerge spontaneously. They happen in an enabling political climate. Hate laws that happened in certain states may not happen everywhere, at least for the time being. Law is politics with a legal terminology. Politics of hate cannot understand the quintessential relation between the nation, its people and the Constitution.

Instances of political murder or vigilantism in the country could be the manifestation of the detestation to which a section of the media also contributed. Physical and cyber threats against citizens for what they are or what they believe in have their origin in the political factories that manufacture and distribute hate. While conventional democracy rests on majoritarianism, constitutional democracy respects the minorities. The politics that does not honour the smaller lots cannot generally honour the citizens. As the writer Ayn Rand said, "The smallest minority on earth is the individual." This is why a state with majoritarian impulses motivated by the doctrine of abhorrence hooks the individuals by invoking its apparatus, ranging from police to prison. A stringent state could annihilate the individual's claim for dignity in the most heinous way. But India can no longer afford a gruesome state as manifested during the Emergency. We need to reread the country's Constitution as a condition for survival. The Constitution may not be eternal, but its values are.

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## THE LESSONS THAT WE LEARNED FROM 2020

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2020 was annus horribilis. Will 2021 be any different? *Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose* (the more things change, the more they remain the same). We will have to wear masks, maintain social distancing, avoid crowded places and travel, and wash our hands several times. The vaccine may find us, but new variations are popping up. However, 2020 taught us several lessons that we would do well to remember.

The first and most important is to leave animals alone. Whether it is HIV, which crossed over from chimps carrying the SIV to humans in Congo, or swine flu, which originated on pig farms, or mad cow disease, which came from cattle sick with BSE, or Covid-19, which emerged from the animal markets of Wuhan, China, or other zoonotic diseases, intensive animal farming is a disaster for human health. Denmark culled 17 million minks that are now rising from their graves, pushed out by gas emitted from their decomposing bodies, contaminating the land and groundwater. At least, for our selfish sakes, let us stop animal farming in 2021. Covid was nature's revenge and we are the sufferers.

The pandemic cleaned up the atmosphere and we enjoyed breathing fresh air. The rains were good and we are assured of both a good harvest and water supply in 2021. Trees and wildlife flourished. The ozone hole self-healed. What is life without clean air, water and food? We must make sacrifices to mitigate climate change and its effects. With the US back on the table, there is renewed hope.

Respect nature and she will take care of you. Even WHO chief A G Tedros—criticised for favouring China—has said that "attempts to improve human health are doomed without tackling climate change and animal welfare".

Then comes public health. Thanks to the pandemic, hospitals beefed up their infrastructure: Public health centres and government hospitals became clean and efficient. Public health is an essential duty of any government; we must be in perpetual readiness to cope with any health crisis. The Tamil Nadu government managed to bring down daily Covid numbers in the state to about 1,000. Well done. Governments can do well if they try.

The pictures of migrants walking the long road home were heartrending. There needs to be a social security system. When companies have no orders, they cannot pay salaries. All governments must provide food grains, temporary shelters and cash—not only to ration card holders of their states but to those who work there but belong to another state. These people have no local ration cards: Why can't the Aadhaar card suffice? India must evolve a national social security system, not only for times of crisis but also for the old, the disabled, and the disempowered. Food grains rotting in godowns and cash planned for expensive new constructions can be utilised to help the needy. Some states provide a nominal pension for the old, single women and widows, and the disabled, but even healthy young people need social security, a promise missing in every political manifesto.

2020 also proved that huge unsustainable offices were no longer necessary. Several companies—from IT majors to local chartered accountants and law firms—asked their employees to work from home, making the enormous glass-fronted air-conditioned buildings redundant. Work-from-home in 2021 will reduce infrastructure, energy and transportation costs, thereby reducing the carbon footprint and giving relief to the climate crisis. Technology is transforming the world: Let us welcome and apply it.

Whether it is HIV that crossed over from chimps carrying SIV to humans in Congo, or swine flu, which originated on pig farms, or mad cow disease, which came from cattle sick with BSE, or Covid-19, which emerged from the animal markets of Wuhan, China, or other zoonotic diseases, intensive animal farming is a disaster for human health

The biggest casualty in 2020 was education, and 2021 will not be different. But digital India can step in. My gardener's children study at a government-aided school using their laptops, distributed free in Tamil Nadu. Every teacher and child of every class in every state must be given a tablet, supported by reliable broadband services, to teach, learn and satisfy the thirst for knowledge. The internet is a source of great learning, as my little grandson and I know, navigating wildlife and prehistoric animals together. If every teacher and student is given a tablet, it would close the digital divide and ensure that no child is left behind. It would also improve teaching quality when teachers know that they are in the public domain.

Parents have also learned parenting. Those children fortunate to have online classes are supervised at home, making their learning assured. Unfortunately, outdoor and group activities have suffered, and I doubt if they will return in a hurry as children are last on the vaccination list. But families have reunited and proven to be a source of infinite support, a role that must be nurtured.

Jobs were lost and women's employment suffered most. Even the indispensable maids were unemployed as people hesitated to bring in daily workers. But that is when creativity, adaptation and innovation stepped in. A school bus driver set up a tea shop. Women tailored cloth bags and masks at home. People started cooking and supplying food from home. Home film-making, classes on just about everything, live streaming of music and dance, and lectures on economy, health and heritage were the new normal and will continue to be so in 2021. Terrace gardens have started blooming and there is a range of organic foods in the market. We must create a culture of innovation, for people to rediscover themselves and go forward. There is always light at the end of the tunnel.

And the final lesson learned is 'Don't trust China'. They let loose the pandemic on an unsuspecting world. They took over India's lands, abolished democracy in Hong Kong, ran countries into debt and continue to create problems in the South China Sea. Every story needs a hero and a villain. The heroes are the frontline workers who toiled through the pandemic. The villains are Xi Jinping and the Chinese government—2021 will be more of the same.

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### CJI's prompt actions

Hats off to Chief Justice of India S A Bobde for his prompt actions—asking Andhra CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy to file his grievances as an affidavit, seeking a response from Justice N V Ramana and shifting AP's Chief Justice J K Maheswari to Sikkim. Jagan's allegations are of a serious nature and deserve a deep look.
**E Sethuramalingam, Kollam**

### Banks are in critical state

This is with reference to *Need to consolidate again, NBFCs and Co-ops this time* (Jan 1). Due to burgeoning NPAs and the persisting 'write-off' system, our banks are in a critical state. Gargantuan frauds by borrowers like Vijay Mallya have further deteriorated their status. A comprehensive relook of banking policy is crucial.
**Cicily Thomas, Muvattupuzha**

### Don't discriminate

Out of the six cities from six states selected for the construction of the Light House Projects, none are from states ruled by strong critics of the Centre like Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Kerala, Punjab, Delhi, etc. The Centre should stop discriminating between states based on their current rulers.
**N A Joseph, Ettumanoor**

### Pet dog named as heir

It is hilarious yet thought-provoking that a 50-year-old in Madhya Pradesh named his pet dog as the heir to a part of his property in his will. A dog is man's best friend and in this selfish world, parents are often at the receiving end of mistreatment at the hands of their own children.
**Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram**

### Not suitable for India

This is with reference to *Vaccination plans still hazy in India* (Jan 1). The requirements of the Pfizer vaccine are not suitable for India. Sinovac has been rejected by many nations. It is still too early to criticise the Centre's plan.
**A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad**

### Dry runs taking place

The Union government's vaccination plan is a well-thought-out strategy done in the best interests of the people. By the time the vaccines are ready, the priority lists and the dispensation centres will already be in place, making the distribution process faster. The authorities would have completed dry runs as well. We must have some faith in the government too.
**K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam**

### Centre not decisive yet

The article has rightly highlighted that people are awaiting the vaccination programme eagerly, but the Centre has not been decisive yet. As the author has said, state governments should be empowered when it comes to mass vaccination programmes as they are well aware of their population spread.
**K Jayanthi, Chennai**

### Catchy Covid slogan

In an array of catchy and scintillating slogans that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has rolled out, the latest one, "*Dawai bhi, kadai bhi*" (vaccine and caution both), is a welcome addition. In just a few words, the slogan conveys that we can't afford to lower our guard even after a Covid vaccine is made available.
**A Raveendranath, Aranmula**

### Withdrawn from politics

After much hype, actor Rajinikanth's so-called entry into politics has ended as a damp squib. To say that he has 'quit' politics is a misnomer as he had not entered it in the first place. It would, therefore, be apt to say he has withdrawn from the political spectrum.
**V S Raman, Thanjavur**

### He should step down

It is appalling to read that Kerala Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan is being summoned by customs in connection with the reverse hawala transactions. The bedlam he was part of in the state Assembly in 2015 is still lingering in people's minds. The Speaker should step down to uphold the dignity of the post he is occupying.
**M T Thomas, Peruva**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Anand Sharma** @AnandSharmaINC
Thinking of our farmers and their resolute fight for their rights and justice in bitter cold. We must stand in solidarity with them and urge the government to give up the arrogance and Raajhat.

**Shivraj Singh Chouhan** @ChouhanShivraj
Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, we are constantly working and committed for the welfare of the poor.

**Prashant Bhushan** @pbhushan1
The govt was forced to send Rajnath Singh to apologise to the farmers. But here we see big mouth Piyush Goel threatening the farmer leaders.

# Trump extends freeze on H-1B; Indians to be hit

## Says reasons for which he had imposed the ban amid pandemic have not changed

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

US President Donald Trump has extended the freeze on H-1B visas in addition to other work visas till March 31 — a decision that will significantly impact India's IT professionals.

Trump said the reasons for which he had imposed such restrictions amid the Covid-19 pandemic have not changed.

This came soon before the freeze was going to expire on December 31. The bans were issued in April and June. Experts said this has been a contentious issue between India and US relations. It will also impact Indian and American companies which were issued H-1B visas by the US government for the fiscal year of 2021 starting October 1.

> **This has always been a contentious issue between India-US ties. By extending the ban, it puts a lot of pressure on the incoming administration**
>
> Harinder Sekhon, strategic analyst

"This has always been a contentious issue between India and US ties, and somehow with Trump — even though our relations moved with great speed — when it came to jobs and economy, he was rigid about it. There are people coming up for renewal, and now the whole process has got slowed down. By extending the ban, it puts a lot of pressure on the incoming administration to deliver on what it has promised," said strategic analyst Harinder Sekhon.

"India gets affected and Indian tech workers get affected because of a great deal of uncertainty. There are two views in the US. One is that Indians have contributed to the US success story. And the other is that this will not harm the India-US relations as such but will negatively impact the Indian-American community," added Sekhon.

The outgoing decisions can become a tough challenge for India and America to negotiate with, she said. The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US firms to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology firms depend on it to hire employees each year from countries like India and China. The decision will impact Indian IT professionals who are currently seeking their H-1 B visas.

It is typically approved for three years. The US administration issues 85,000 H-1B work permits every year.

# India lodges protest with Pak over temple vandalism

Members of the Pakistan Hindu Council protest in Karachi against the attack on a Hindu temple in Khyber | AP

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

INDIA has lodged a protest with Pakistan over the vandalisation of a Hindu temple in Karak district in the northwest Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, sources said on Friday.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) conveyed its "serious concerns" to Pakistan High Commission at "repeated instances of similar nature, of atrocities against the members of the minority community", according to sources.

India urged the Pakistani government to investigate the matter and take strict action against those responsible for this vandalisation and demolition of the temple, sources said. It told Pakistan to share the investigation report with the ministry.

"We also asked for the investigation report to be shared with the Ministry. Our message reiterated the at the Government of Pakistan, in the discharge of its responsibilities, is expected to look after the safety, security and well-being of its minority communities including protection of their religious rights and cultural heritage," said a source in the ministry.

A mob vandalised a Hindu temple in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Karak district, according to reports.

Pakistan's Minister for Religious Affairs Noorul Haq Qadri called the attack "a conspiracy against sectarian harmony". Qadri tweeted that "protection of the religious freedom of minorities is our religious, constitutional, moral and national responsibility".

### 'Will rebuild the temple'

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan said his government will rebuild the temple. Addressing a ceremony, Khan vowed to protect the religious sites of minorities and said the police has arrested several suspects involved in the temple attack. Over 45 people have been arrested for destroying the temple.

### India-Pakistan exchange list of prisoners, nuke installations

India and Pakistan on Friday exchanged lists of civilian prisoners and fishermen in their custody through diplomatic channels. This is in keeping with the provisions of the Consular Access Agreement between the two nations signed in 2008 under which such lists are exchanged every year. While India handed over a list of 263 Pakistan civilian prisoners and 77 fishermen in India's custody, the latter shared a list of 49 civilian prisoners and 270 fishermen in its custody. They also exchanged the list of nuclear installations under the Agreement on the Prohibition of Attack against Nuclear Installations and Facilities.

# Govt SOS for help to Indian sailors stuck in China

NEW DELHI: India is in touch with Beijing over its vessels stuck in Chinese waters and called for "urgent, practical and time-bound" assistance to 39 stranded sailors considering the "grave" humanitarian situation developing in the ships, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday.

Taking suo-motu cognisance of media reports, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) said Indian sailors stranded on board two ships for over 146 days, and without any rescue mission in sight, amounted to the human rights violation.

The NHRC issued notices to the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Ports, calling for reports in the matter. The Indian bulk cargo vessel MV Jag Anand of Great Eastern Shipping company is on anchorage near Jingtang port in Hebei province of China since June 13 last year with 23 Indian nationals as crew on board. Another vessel, MV Anastasia, which has 16 Indians as its crew, is on anchorage near Caofeidian port in China since September 20. Both these vessels have been waiting for discharge of their cargo.

"There is a growing stress on the crew members on account of the long delay. Given this and our concern for the increasingly difficult conditions for our crew members, these two cases are being pursued vigorously," said the ministry. The Indian embassy in Beijing has taken up the cases both with the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and local provincial authorities, the ministry said.

"China has conveyed that on account of various Covid-19 related restrictions imposed by the local authorities, crew change is not being permitted from these ports... The concerned shipping companies have been asked to make crew change applications expeditiously," it said. The Indian embassy is in touch with authorities in Tianjin for approvals to facilitate the crew change from there. *ENS*

**VACCINATION**

# Dry run today, Vardhan checks preparedness

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

UNION Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Friday reviewed preparedness at various session sites in the country for coronavirus vaccination dry run scheduled for Saturday.

"The lists of health workers have been created and it will be uploaded on Covid-19 platform. Just like we prepare during polls, the same way we need to train each member of all medical teams responsibly," Vardhan said. He also said after training over 2,000 master trainers at the national level, the process is underway at the state and district level — in over 700 districts. The procedure is similar to conducting polls where the team at a booth is trained, the minister said.

On Thursday, the ministry had announced that the dry run will take place across India on January 2. The Union government has placed orders for procurement of nearly 83 crore syringes. Additionally, bids have also been invited for nearly 35 crore syringes. "These will be used for Covid-19 vaccination and also for the universal immunisation programme," the Centre said.

The states have been asked to ensure physical verification of all proposed sites for the adequacy of space, logistical arrangements, internet connectivity, electricity, among others and prepare at least three model session sites in each state-preferably in the capital — for demonstration.

The first round of the dry run was conducted in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Punjab on 28-29 December in two districts each where five-session sites with 25 beneficiaries each were identified.

# New Army wing to handle human rights issues; major reshuffle in top brass

**MAYANK SINGH** @ New Delhi

THE Army has created a new wing under a major general to handle human rights issues with an aim to bring more transparency and probity in the functioning of the 1.3-million strong force.

The move was part a major reshuffle at the top within the headquarters and various other formations. Major General Gautam Chauhan has taken charge as Additional Director General (Human Rights) in the Army headquarters in Delhi on Thursday. He will function under the Vice Chief of Army Staff. The creation of this wing is in line with a decision taken by the Army to ensure transparency in conducting anti-militancy operations.

Lt-Gen Shantanu Dayal took charge as the Deputy Chief of Army Staff on the first day of the New Year. He was the commander of Tejpur based 4 Corps and is taking over from Lt-Gen SS Hasabnis, who superannuated on December 31. The other significant change is in the newly created Department of Military Affairs (DMA) with Chief of Defence Staff as its first secretary. Lt-Gen Taranjit Singh, the first officer to join as additional secretary in DMA under the Ministry of Defence, superannuated on Thursday. He was the Deputy Chief (Operations) in the Integrated Defence Staff, which has become the part of the DMA.

Lt-Gen Anil Puri took charge in his place. He was till recently commander of 12 Corps, which will now be headed by Lt-Gen PS Minhas.

The NCC has Lt-Gen Tarun Kumar Aich as its new DG, replacing Lt-Gen Rajiv Chopra who superannuated on December 31. Lt-Gen Tumul Verma, GOC of 101 sub-area, has taken charge from Lt-Gen Anil Kapoor as the DG of Electrical, Mechanical and Engineering Corps.

Lt-Gen Tarun Kumar Aich (left) takes over as DG of the NCC; surgeon Vice-Admiral Rajat Datta assumes the charge of DG, Armed Forces Medical Services | PTI

# MP FARMER'S SUICIDE NOTE ASKS DISCOM TO SELL ORGANS FOR DUES

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bhopal

UNDER tremendous stress due to an electricity distribution company (discom) seizing his atta chakki (flour mill) and motorcycle for not paying outstanding electricity bills, a 35-year-old farmer allegedly hanged himself to death in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatapur district.

Munendra Rajput was found hanging near a well in Matguvan village on Friday. A suicide note purportedly written by him was recovered by the police in which the distressed farmer said his family should hand over his body to the electricity department staff so that they can sell his organs and recover the dues.

> **Will the MP government now fulfill the farmer's last wish of selling his body parts to realise the pending ₹88,000?**
>
> Bhupendra Singh, Congress leader

Rajput's brother Lokendra alleged, "Owing to seizure of the flour mill and motorcycle and public humiliation by the electricity department staff for not paying the dues, my brother Munendra ended his life. Explaining the reason for pending dues, Lokendra said, "My brother was in deep financial crisis, as the previous kharif crop had been badly damaged. He was totally reliant on the small flour-mill but it was seized by the Chhatarpur Rural discom staff on Monday. When he requested for some more time to pay the dues, they publicly humiliated him."

The police have started a probe while district collector Sheelendra Singh sanctioned ₹25,000 as immediate assistance to the farmer's kin. This is the fourth case of farmer suicide in Bundelkhand region of MP. Earlier, two farmers had ended their lives in Panna district, while another had killed self in Sagar district.

Targeting the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government for its "hollow claim of good governance, Congress's state media vice-president Bhupendra Singh said, "Will the government now fulfill the farmer's last wish of selling his body parts to realise ₹88,000?"

Protesters pay tributes to their fellow farmer Galtan Singh who died at Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Friday during protest against new farm laws | EXPRESS

## Farmers are fighting unjust forces: Rahul

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday took a dig at the Centre, saying his heart was with the farmers and labourers who are fighting unjust forces.

"As the New Year begins, we remember those who we lost and thank all those who protect and sacrifice for us. My heart is with the farmers and labourers fighting unjust forces with dignity and honour," the Congress leader tweeted.

The Congress has demanded that the Centre should listen to the agitating farmers and repeal the three farm laws. Gandhi, who has been on a personal visit abroad, has repeatedly slammed the government on the issue of farmers and migrant labourers.

After meeting President Ram Nath Kovind last year, the former Congress chief said "India is now an imaginary democracy".

The party has said that farmers should not stop anything less than repeal of acts and the centre is trying to mislead farmers during talks. Farmers have been demanding a complete repeal of all the three farm laws while the government suggested at amending the laws.

# Parliament, state Houses to go paperless with Centre's ambitious e-Vidhan project

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

AIMED at making the functioning of Parliament and state legislatures paperless, the Centre is working on the ambitious e-Vidhan project, said a senior government official.

The National E-Vidhan Application (NeVA) will be implemented in all the 31 states/UTs with legislatures on the line of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly to make the functioning of the Houses paperless, every information would be available at the fingertips of the members, who can then use their mobile phone/laptop to see the list of business and read questions and other documents pertaining to House's proceedings.

As one of the 44 Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under Digital India Programme of the Centre, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been made the nodal ministry for the implementation of the project. "The e-Vidhan software of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha was upgraded as NeVA, which is a single App to cover all the 39 Houses," the official said. The 39 legislative Houses consist of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, 31 Assemblies and six Councils.

"The e-Vidhan will bring all the legislatures of the country together on one platform to create a massive data depository without having the complexity of multiple applications," said the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in a statement.

Recently, the ministry has completed the development of the new modules of 'Digital House' application suite for all the legislatures that also includes bills, committee module and the reporter's module.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Jal Jeevan Mission badly affected by pandemic: Govt

New Delhi: The Centre's ambitious Jal Jeevan Mission to provide tapped water to all by 2024 was badly impacted due to the lockdown, but officials are hopeful to achieve the targets. "The mission's journey, so far, has been filled with challenges and disruptions as the entire world battled with the pandemic from March 2020 till date. All the work been badly affected due to the pandemic and lockdown and construction work was affected in most parts of the country," the ministry said. The Jal Jeevan Mission is under implementation since August 2019 in partnership with the state governments with an aim to provide potable water in adequate quantity and of prescribed quality on regular and long-term basis.

# PM says housing for poor, middle class priority for govt, inaugurates Light House Projects

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING confidence that his government would be able to achieve the goal of ensuring housing for all, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Light House Projects (LHPs) being executed with modern technologies in six states will show a new direction to the housing construction sector.

Also, participation of states from northern, eastern, western and southern parts of the country in this campaign "is strengthening the feeling of our cooperative federalism further", Modi said while laying the foundation stone of the six LHPs under the Global Housing Technology Challenge-India.

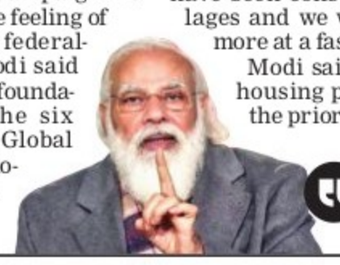
Housing for the poor and the middle class has been a priority for his government, the PM said. The project seeks to build over 1,000 houses each in six cities, along with allied infrastructure facilities, in 12 months. These cities are Indore, Rajkot, Chennai, Ranchi, Agartala and Lucknow.

The PM said the houses built under LHPs will take less time to construct and will be more resilient, affordable and comfortable. "Two crore houses have been constructed in villages and we will construct more at a faster speed."

Modi said at one time, housing plans were not the priority for the governments. "The government did not care about the details and quality of construction... Today, the country has chosen a different approach."

Construction sector acts as a force multiplier for the economy, he noted, and added that his government had taken a number of steps to boost the real estate sector and would continue to do so.

He said modern construction practices from countries like France, Germany and Canada would be adopted under the LHPs. They will serve as incubation centres, he said, urging architects, planners, engineers and students to visit these projects.



> **The previous govt did not care about the details and quality of construction... Today, the country has chosen a different approach** —Narendra Modi, PM

**ACCIDENT RATE DIPS**

Uttarakhand has registered 40% decline in road accidents in year 2020 in comparison to 2019. Officials from state police department said that lockdown helped curbing accidents and loss of lives in the state

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# Speculation as Rabri spins a web around Nitish Kumar

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

"WHAT the BJP does is known only after it is done," was the cryptic message of RJD leader Rabri Devi to the JD(U), as she took the opposition's attempt to draw Nitish Kumar back into the Mahagatbandhan fold a notch higher on Friday. Hinting at a strong possibility of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar returning to the Grand Alliance, Rabri said that all the constituents of the opposition would discuss Nitish's return when required.

Addressing reporters at her residence on Friday, Rabri doubted whether BJP could engineer a rerun of the Arunachal episode, wherein six JD(U) MLAs switched camp to join BJP. Rabri's was the fresh salvo in the opposition's attempt to draw Nitish away from the BJP. Earlier, RJD leaders, including Uday Narayan Chaudhary, invited Nitish Kumar to join Mahagatbandhan and support Tejashwi Yadav to stake claim to the chief minister's seat in exchange of becoming the prime ministerial face of the Grand Alliance in the 2024 general election. Meanwhile, responding to Rabri's statement, JDU leader Sanjay Singh said that the RJD was daydreaming to ally with the JD(U). "The RJD is desperate for power. They are trying to create confusion through such baseless statements," he said.

Rejecting RJD's offer, the JD(U) lashed out at the opposition for its hunger for power. Meanwhile, reliable sources in the RJD said that RJD leaders have been measured in their attack on NDA as Lalu Prasad Yadav – doing time after his conviction in the fodder scam – asked them to refrain from launching any direct attack on Nitish.

However, RJD is learnt to be chalking out a political strategy to bring Nitish back into the Grand Alliance by stirring up a churn in the NDA. RJD's attempts are proving to be helpful to the JD(U) in keeping the BJP in control in Bihar, sources said. Meanwhile, Nitish told media that his duty was to serve the people and he was doing what the people gave him the madate for.

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## Adhikari set to get cabinet rank elevation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

FORMER Trinamool Congress strongman and once the trusted lieutenant of Mamata Banerjee, Suvendu Adhikari, is likely to get a cabinet-rank elevation. The Centre decided to appoint him as the chairman of Jute Corporation of India two weeks after he defected to BJP. Sources in the BJP said Suvendu has been asked to submit his bio-data.

The Bengal unit of the BJP said that Suvendu's elevation will send a message to other disgruntled TMC leaders, who are miffed with party leadership and are willing to join the BJP.

"Among all those who came to BJP's fold from the ruling party till date, Suvendu is the strongest political face. With his popularity, he can decimate the TMC in at least 30 to 35 segments in south Bengal. Our party is focusing on south Bengal as we made inroads in the northern parts in last general election. Suvendu's elevation will send a message to other key faces of the TMC," said a BJP leader.

# BJP wants central forces for local polls in Punjab

Facing anger over farm laws, party cites poor law & order in state

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Punjab BJP, citing law and order problems, demanded that elections to local bodies be held under the supervision of central forces. It has approached the state election commissioner alleging intimidation of voters and raising doubts about the state's ability to hold free and fair polls. On Wednesday, a BJP delegation had met the governor and requested him to defer the elections in view of the law and order situation. The party's response has come in the wake of its poor performance in Haryana civic polls and amid the ongoing farmers' stir that has turned the public sentiment against it in Punjab.

The state election commission has initiated the process for the polls, tentatively scheduled in the first week of February. A BJP memorandum submitted to state election commissioner J S Sidhu on Friday suggested a review panel should be formed to prepare the ground for free and fair poll. The panel should consider "deployment of central forces such as the CRPF and ITBP to build confidence among voters and candidates," it added.

Governor V P Singh Badnore

**Videography be conducted both inside the booth as well in the office of the returning officers to ward off booth capturing and other malpractices**

Daljit Singh Cheema, ex-minister

The BJP delegation led by state party chief Ashwani Sharma that had met Governor VP Singh Badnore on Wednesday and raised concern over the law and order situation, said the local body polls should be held only when the state had a favourable atmosphere.

The party's former ally Shiromani Akali Dal also asked the state poll panel to requisition paramilitary forces, besides demanding measures to ensure the Congress does not "hijack the entire process as it did in the case of the zila parishad and panchayat polls". In a letter to the state election commissioner, former minister Daljit Singh Cheema also demanded that videography be conducted both inside the booth as well in the office of the returning officers to ward off booth capturing and other malpractices. He also demanded that online filing of nominations be allowed and candidates issued 'no dues' certificates on the basis of self-declarations pending verification.

# Now, Sena, Cong spar on Aurangabad

**SAVARKAR ROW**

War of words erupted when Congress rejected Shiv Sena's demand for Bharat Ratna to Savarkar

**SAAMANA PIECE**

Congress told off Shiv Sena for meddling in the UPA affairs when Sena leader Sanjay Raut wrote a piece critical of Rahul Gandhi's flaws. Raut had demanded NCP chief Sharad Pawar be made the chairman of UPA

**FUND SHORTAGE**

A Congress leader had raised allegations that the Thackeray govt was allocating less funds to them to carry out works

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A tug-of-war over individual aspirations and alliance necessities seems to be straining the already fraught relationship between the Congress and Shiv Sena in the Maha Vikas Aghadi. This time, the tussle is over Shiv Sena's attempt to rename Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar, a move that Congress opposes, saying it did feature on the common minimum agenda.

In the run-up to the polls, Shiv Sena had promised to rename Aurangabad. With municipal corporation elections shortly due, Shiv Sena is mulling ways to act on its word. However, Congress president and Revenue Minister in Thackeray cabinet Balasahab Thorat said that Shiv Sena cannot unilaterally take the decision. "Before drafting the common minimum agenda, we held extensive meetings. The agenda bears the signs of the top leaders of the three parties. It was decided that any new subject would be added after the signatories' were satisfied. Renaming Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar is a subject Congress will oppose," he added.

BJP has been raking up the issue by taking potshots at Shiv Sena. BJP's Maharashtra president Chandrakant Patil said Shiv Sena has surrendered before the Congress. Congress countered Patil by saying that renaming a city did not solve its civic issues.

EXPRESS READ

**Kanpur cop in a soup over driving stolen car**

Lucknow: A departmental inquiry has been ordered after the Bithoor station house officer (SHO) in Kanpur was found to be using a stolen car seized by police. The issue came to light after the owner, who had reported the car stolen two years ago, received a call from a service centre, seeking feedback. The SHO, Kaushalendra Pratap Singh, in his defence, claimed he had found the car abandoned after which it was seized. However, he did not elaborate on the date when the vehicle was found. Singh is a survivor of the July 2019 Bikhru encounter.

**Uttarakhand govt told to explain delay in filing FIR**

Dehradun: Uttarakhand high court has asked the state police to explain the delay in filing of FIR against director of Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee and five others despite lower court orders in the case of embezzlement of government funds over ₹1 crore. Akshay Pradhan, counsel of Menpal Sharma, the petitioner told TNIE, "The State government counsel has asked for time. The next hearing of the matter is scheduled on January 5, 2021." The matter was heard by a single bench of justice Narayan Singh Dhanik on Thursday.

# 2019 cash seizure: EOW to search for evidence in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

MADHYA Pradesh's Economic Offences Wing registered a preliminary enquiry following a letter by the general administration department (GAD) about the "use of unaccounted cash" by a political party in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, which was unearthed in income tax raids in April that year. The PE was registered on Thursday to decide whether there's enough evidence to register a regular case/FIR in compliance with the Election Commission of India's recommendation to file criminal cases against "those named in the CBDT report" on the use of unaccounted cash in the 2019 polls, official sources told this newspaper. The state had a Congress government headed by Kamal Nath then.

The GAD letter was enclosed with the 904-page report by the Central Board of Direct Taxes and the ECI letter recommending action against those named in the report. The names included those of three IPS officers and a state police service officer. The ECI's letter along with the CBDT report was forwarded to the government in the third week of December by the state's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO). According to sources, the CBDT report contained over 60 other names, including some former and present MLAs, many of whom had switched their political loyalties in March 2020.

The names of the four police officers and politicians were found in documents seized during the I-T searches at the premises of close aides and associates of then CM Kamal Nath in Bhopal, Indore, Goa and the National Capital Region.

As per sources, "The report hints about the role of several individuals in the widespread and organised racket of collection and transaction of unaccounted cash totaling around ₹281 crore during the last Lok Sabha polls."

**Summons to top babus for January 5**

The timing of PE assumes significance in the backdrop of the ECI summoning chief secretary Iqbal Singh Bais and additional chief secretary Rajesh Rajora on January 5 in connection with an action taken report in the matter

FAITH IN GURU

Devotees thronging the Golden Temple on the New Year's Day in Amritsar ignoring the Covid-appropriate norms for personal distancing | PTI

# Amit Shah takes stock of wildfire, promises help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday took stock of the wildfire situation at Dzuko valley on the Manipur-Nagaland border on Tuesday.

"Amit Shah assured all necessary assistance from the Home Ministry to contain the fire," said Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

The Manipur government has requested the NDRF and the army to help contain the wildfire that broke out in Dzukou Range in neighbouring Nagaland and has spread to the Senapati district of the state, officials said on Thursday.

The fire broke out in the Dzukou Range in Nagaland on Tuesday and has crossed over to the Manipur side, they said.

Manipur Chief Minister Chief Minister N Biren Singh conducted an aerial survey of Dzukou valley in Manipur's Senapati district on Thursday accompanied by Chief Secretary Rajesh Kumar, Director General of Police LM Khaute in a helicopter to assess the situation, a state government release said. The Dzukou Valley is a valley located at the borders of Nagaland and Manipur. The Indian Air Force had conducted two recces on Thursday. An airforce official had said that a helicopter equipped with bambi bucket was likely to be deployed at the state government's request.

UP PLAN

## Pilgrimage scheme for labourers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

THE Yogi Adityanath government is set to launch Swami Vivekananda Etihasik Paryatan Yatra Yojana, under which money would be transferred to the accounts of labourers desirous of undertaking a pilgrimage.

Likely to be launched on January 24 — the foundation day of Uttar Pradesh — the scheme envisages transferring ₹12,000 to the accounts of selected labourers, employed across around 6.5 lakh commercial establishments, and 20,500 factories and workshops in the state.

According to labour department officials, the process would begin with the state's labour welfare board inviting applications from nearly 1.5 crore labourers registered with the board to avail of the benefits. The board has identified Ayodhya, Mathura, Prayagraj and Varanasi, Gorakhnath temple, Shakumbhari Devi, Vindhyavasini Devi, and Hastinapur in Meerut as the centres of pilgrimage.

# Call for probe into Srinagar encounter gets shriller

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

ON a day parts of Srinagar observed voluntary shutdown in support of the three families demanding a thorough inquiry into the December 30 Lawaypora encounter, police on Friday said that the three youth were present at scene, of whom two were Over Ground Workers (OGWs) of militants. The families claimed that the youth were innocent civilians, and demanded the bodies be given to them for burial according to their custom.

Shops in Lal Chowk, adjoining areas, and some parts of downtown Srinagar remained closed in solidarity with the families. Meanwhile, senior National Conference leader and MP Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi told TNIE that he had a discussion with Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Thursday evening and urged him to hand over the bodies to the families. "I told him that the police version about the incident was vague and contradictory," Masoodi said. PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti on Friday wrote to Sinha, demanding that the bodies be handed over to their kin.

A police spokesman said they were investigating all angles. "As far as claims of the parents that Aijaz had gone to University is concerned, digital evidence collected through modern techniques reveals that he and Ather had gone to Hyderpora, and from they reached the encounter site," he said.

"Checks have revealed that Aijaz and Ather, both OGWs, provided logistic support to the militants. Antecedents show that both were radically inclined and had aided militants of LeT (TRF)," he added.

**Kidney transplant beneficiary cycles into record books**

When Aashish Sangwan (30) cycled his way into the India Book of Records, it was not only a testament to his physical prowess but also to the commitment to a cause. Sangwan was a part of the group that completed 1,250-km ride in seven days across Rajasthan. What makes the achievement more special is the fact that he is a recipient of a transplanted kidney. Between March 14 and March 20, the group made a round trip of Jaipur, covering Kota, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jodhpur, and Ajmer. Sangwan underwent a kidney transplant two years ago, and has since then devoted his life to motivating people by being an exemplar of healthy and fit living post transplant.

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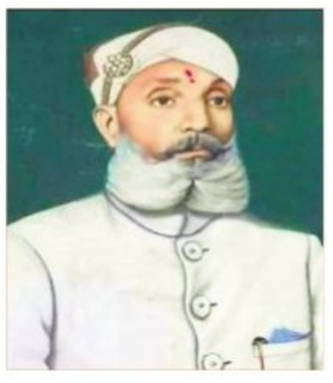
JAIPUR DIARY

**Ranbir, Alia scouting for wedding location?**

Bollywood stars Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Neetu Kapoor, Ranveer Singh, and Deepika Padukone are at Ranthambore in Sawai Madhopur to celebrate the New Year. They are staying at the five-star hotel Aman Vilas here. All the stars sat together for a bonfire on Tuesday. It is speculated that Alia and Ranbir are in Ranthambore to scout for their wedding or engagement location. The five-star hotel on Ranthambore Road, where these film stars are staying, is considered to be one of the best known wedding destinations in the world. Pop singers Katy Perry and Russell Brand have married in this hotel. If sources are to be believed, all the management is being handled by a member of the Ambani family.



**Former court poet awarded DLitt degree**

Kavi Rao Mohan Singh, the last court poet of the erstwhile Mewar Dynasty, received DLitt degree posthumously from Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth on last Tuesday. Vice-Chanceller SS Sarangdevot said Mohan Singh was active till 1947 when the reign of the last ruler Maharana Bhupal Singh ended. During his lifetime, Singh wrote more than three dozen books in Rajasthani and Hindi. His great grandsons received the honor from the University Chancellor Balwant S Jani. The university has also taken up a project to compile and publish the poet's work in three years. Singh sorted, translated, and edited 5,000 of the 1 lakh verse-long Prithviraj Rasou, a Hindi epic poem. The late Atal Bihari Vajpayee had read this book during his term as the Prime Minister.

**Jaisalmer mourns death of Maharaval**

Jaisalmer is in mourning after the untimely demise of Maharaval Brajraj Singh. He was 52 years old and had been suffering from liver problems for some time. He was admitted to Medanta Hospital in Gurgaon for treatment last week, where he breathed his last on Monday. On receiving information about his death, the princely flag was flown at half-mast at the palace, and the museum was closed. The main markets, including the Sonar Durg of Jaisalmer city remained closed. Thousands of people paid tribute to him on various social media platforms. Singh was the patron of art-culture and had renovated the palaces of Jaisalmer.

**$63 million**
worth of funds belonging to terror groups blocked by the US in 2019, says report

**GLOBAL WEATHER**
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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USS Nimitz

## US warship to leave Persian Gulf despite Iran tensions

**WASHINGTON**

THE Pentagon has decided to send home the only Navy aircraft carrier operating in West Asia, a move that will reduce American firepower in the region amid heightened tensions with Iran.

The decision, announced Thursday by the acting secretary of defense, Christopher Miller, came one day after Air Force B-52 bombers flew nonstop from the United States to the Persian Gulf in a show of force that military officials said was intended to caution Iran against carrying out attacks against US forces or interests.

Sending the aircraft carrier, the USS Nimitz, home to the US West Coast would seem at odds with the idea that a show of force is needed to deter Iran. This might reflect a split within the defense establishment on whether Iran poses a heightened threat to strike in the waning days of the Trump administration.

**Mine found on oil tanker**

Amid heightened tensions between Iran and the US, Iraqi explosives experts have found a large mine on an oil tanker in the Persian Gulf, authorities said Friday. Work was on to defuse it.

The Iraqi statement said the limpet mine had been attached to a tanker rented from Iraq's Oil Marketing Company SOMO that was refueling another vessel. A limpet mine attaches to the side of a ship. In 2019, the US blamed Iran for a series of limpet mine attacks on oil tankers. *Agencies*

# All quiet on UK-EU border as transition ends

Historic Brexit moment passes quietly; low cross-Channel traffic on account of holiday weekend averts feared chaos

**LONDON/PARIS**

A steady trickle of trucks rolled off ferries and trains on both sides of the English Channel on Friday, a quiet New Year's Day after a seismic overnight shift in relations between the European Union and Britain.

The busy goods route between southeast England and northwest France is on the front line of changes now that the UK has fully left the economic embrace of the 27-nation bloc, the final stage of Brexit.

"For the majority of trucks, they will not even notice the difference," said John Keefe, spokesman for Eurotunnel, which transports vehicles under the Channel.

"There was always the risk that if this happened at a busy times then we could run into some difficulties, but it's happening overnight on a bank holiday and a long weekend."

First truck from the EU leaves the Eurotunnel terminal bound for the UK after Brexit transition period ended on midnight Thursday | AFP

Britain left the European bloc's vast single market for people, goods and services at 11 pm London time on New Year's Eve, in the biggest single economic change the country has experienced since World War II. A new UK-EU trade deal will bring restrictions and red tape, but for British Brexit supporters, it means reclaiming national independence from the EU and its web of rules.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson called it "an amazing moment for this country."

"We have our freedom in our hands, and it is up to us to make the most of it," he said.

The historic moment passed quietly, with UK lockdown measures against the coronavirus curtailing mass gatherings to celebrate or mourn. Brexit, which had dominated public debate in Britain for years, was even pushed off some newspaper front pages by news of the huge vaccination effort against Covid-19. In the subdued streets of London — which voted strongly to remain in the EU — there was little enthusiasm for Brexit. The English Channel port of Dover and the Eurotunnel braced for delays as the new measures were introduced.

However, the pandemic and a holiday weekend meant cross-Channel traffic was light on Friday. Britain has also delayed imposing full customs checks for several months so that companies can adjust.

In the French port of Calais, officials said the new computer systems were working well and truckers had the right paperwork. Brexit also brought new checks across the Irish Sea.

A dozen trucks rolled off the first ferry to arrive at Dublin Port from Wales before dawn, clearing the new customs inspections without delays.

European leaders, whose patience with Britain has run short during years of Brexit melodrama, expressed regret at the UK's departure. *AFP*

**BOOTED OFF**

## NYSE to delist three Chinese cos

**WASHINGTON**

THREE Chinese companies will be delisted from the New York Stock Exchange this month under an executive order signed in November by American President Donald Trump.

The exchange says China Telecom Corp. Limited, China Mobile Limited, and China Unicom Hong Kong Limited will be delisted from the exchange. Trump issued an order November 12 barring investment in publicly traded companies that the US government says are owned or controlled by the Chinese military. The statement issued late Thursday says the exchange will suspend trading of the companies as early as January 7 or as late as January 11. It says the stock issuers can appeal to a committee of the NYSE's board.

The Chinese government has accused Washington of misusing national security as an excuse to hamper competition and has warned that Trump's order would hurt US and other investors worldwide. Political analysts expect little change in policy under Joe Biden. *AP*

# PAK REGIONAL GOVT TO REBUILD TEMPLE

**PESHAWAR**

PAKISTAN'S Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan said on Friday that his government will rebuild a Hindu temple that was vandalised and set on fire by a mob in the province early this week.

Addressing a health card distribution ceremony here, Chief Minister Khan said the government has issued orders to rebuild the temple.

The attack on the temple in Terri village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) Karak district on Wednesday drew strong condemnation from human rights activists and the minority Hindu community leaders.

Khan vowed to protect the religious sites of minorities and said the police has arrested several suspects involved in the temple attack.

Over 45 people, mostly members of a radical Islamist party, have been arrested for destroying the temple. Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam leader Rehmat Salam Khattak was among those arrested.

On Thursday, Chief Minister Khan's Special Assistant for Information and spokesman for the KP government Kamran Bangash said that the provincial government has ordered authorities to reconstruct the damaged temple.

People hold a vigil in Lahore on New Year's Eve on Thursday | AFP

Deputy Commissioner and District Police Officer Karak have been issued directives to take immediate steps for reconstructing the temple, Bangash said. The government is bound to give protection to the minorities and their worship places, he added.

The temple was attacked by the mob after members of the Hindu community received permission from local authorities to renovate its decades-old building, according to witnesses.

The mob, led by a local cleric and supporters of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party (Fazal ur Rehman group), demolished the newly constructed work alongside the old structure, they said. The Supreme Court on Thursday took notice of the attack and ordered the local authorities to appear before the court on January 5.

## ASIA MATTERS

### Army to play bigger role in Covid-19 fight

The Sri Lanka has appointed 25 senior officers to coordinate the Covid-19 control operations in each district amid a surge in the number of coronavirus cases.General Shavendra Silva, the Army chief, appointed the coordinating officers for all 25 districts, each of the units headed by a Major General, the Army said. The new Army coordinating officers at each district would facilitate smooth conduct of quarantine centres, transportation of individuals for quarantine and treatment, the supply of medicines, equipment and dry rations, the Army statement said. Silva, who was promoted to the rank of a 4 star General last week, was appointed the head of Covid-19 prevention task force at the outset of the pandemic mid-March

# Britain abolishes tax on women's sanitary items

**LONDON**

THE United Kingdom abolished the so-called 'tampon tax' on Friday, eliminating sales taxes on women's sanitary products in a move hailed by women's rights activists.

The move was widely praised by women's rights campaigners as well as proponents of the country's departure from the European Union.

Treasury chief Rishi Sunak had committed to ending the widely unpopular tax on tampons and pads in his budget statement in March but the change could only come into effect on Friday after Britain had finally left the economic orbit of the EU. EU law had prevented member states from reducing the rate of value-added tax below 5%, meaning the period products were treated as luxury items and not essentials.

"Sanitary products are essential so it's right that we do not charge VAT," said Sunak. *AFP*

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**Short Term E-Tender Notification**

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 8 works under head of account **5054-SDP,** 7 works under head of account **5054-SDP(SCP)** & 3 works under head of account **5054-SDP(TSP)**, Total No of works 18, Amount put to tender is Minimum of **Rs. 4.39 Lakhs** and Maximum amount **Rs. 126.34 Lakhs.**

**Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 2, 3, 9, 11 & 16 :**

**(1)** Last date for queries & clarifications : **06.01.2021** up to **5:30 PM. (2)** Last Date of Receipt of Bids : **08.01.2021** up to **5:00 PM. (3)** Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): **11.01.2021** at **4:30 PM.**

**Calendar of events for the works at Sl No. 1, 4 to 8, 10, 12 to 15, 17 & 18 :**

**(1)** Pre-bid meeting date: **06.01.2021** at **11:00 AM**, at The O/o the under signed. **(2)** Last date for queries & clarifications: **08.01.2021** up to **5:30 PM. (3)** Last Date of Receipt of Bids: **12.01.2021** up to **5:00 PM. (4)** Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): **15.01.2021** at **4.30 PM. (5)** Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): **15.01.2021** at **4:30 PM. (6)** Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): **"after approval of Technical bids"**

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** & departmental web site **www.kpwd.gov.in.** Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

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**ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ವಾಹನವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ 2020-21**

**(E-procurement portal)**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಪಿಎಂಜಿಎಸ್‌ವೈ) ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಯೋಜನಾ ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗ (ಪಿಎಂಜಿಎಸ್‌ವೈ) ಧಾರವಾಡ, ರವರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಚಾಲಕ ಸಹಿತ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಹವಾನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ (ಎಸಿ) ಒಂದು ವಾಹನ ಮತ್ತು ಉಪ-ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಹವಾನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ (ಎಸಿ) ಒಂದು ವಾಹನ ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿವುಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್/ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ಏಕಲಕೋಟಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್/ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. (Manual Tender ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.)

**CALENDAR OF TENDER EVENTS**

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| 5 | ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ | 12 ತಿಂಗಳು | 12 ತಿಂಗಳು |
| 6 | ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ವರ್ಗ | ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು/ ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು | ಸ್ವಂತ ವಾಹನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು/ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು |

**ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು:-** **(1)** ನಿಗದಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪೊಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಮತ್ತು ಇಒಆ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು E-procurement portal ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ಕಾಲ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. **(2)** ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ/ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರಿಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. **(3)** ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು/ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** **(4)** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು (Tender Documents) ಗಳನ್ನು Download ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. **(5)** ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ EMD ಯನ್ನು e-procurement portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದನ್ನು ದೃಢಪಡಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. **(6)** ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸರಬರಾಜು / ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳ ಅರ್ಹತೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ e-procurement ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ನಮೂನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ದೃಢೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು / ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತರೆಯುವ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. **(7)** ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರು /ಟ್ರಾವೆಲ್ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳು (Successful tenderer), ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ 07 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅನುಮೋದಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತದ 5% ರಷ್ಟು ಬದ್ಧತಾ ಕೆವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರ ಹೆಸರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. (8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ, ಮುಂದೂಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ, ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ (Corrigendum) ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವುಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿ ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಏನಾದರು ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೊಮ್ಮೆ ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. **(9)** ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಪಿಎಂಜಿಎಸ್‌ವೈ) ವಿನಾಯಕ ಹಾಲ್ ಎದುರುಗಡೆ ಜಯನಗರ 1ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ, ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ **0836-2773444.** ಇ-ಮೇಲ್ **Kn-dha.pmgsy.nic.in**

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# CLASSIFIEDS

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
CHANGE OF NAME

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, the undersigned **Mrs. MALINI N A** on behalf of my minor daughter **NISHVIKA CHINNAMMA N** (new name) previously called **MALVINA SARA PHILIP** (Old Name), R/at. No. 43, Cauvery Nilaya, 8th Cross, 4th Main, Sir M.V. Nagar, Ramamurthy Nagar, Near Ganesha Temple, Doorvaninagar Post, Bangalore-560016, state that I have changed my daughter name from **MALVINA SARA PHILIP** to **NISHVIKA CHINNAMMA N** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B. SADHA SHIVAPPA** on 31/12/2020 for all purposes.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **GULNAZ KHAN**, W/o Sattar Ahmedulla Khan, R/at. No. 40/5, Blessings, Viviani Road, Richards Park, Richards Town, Bangalore-560005, Karnataka, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **GULNAZ BEGUM** and **GULNAZ KHAN**, are one and the same belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from **GULNAZ BEGUM** to **GULNAZ KHAN**, vide affidavit dated 31.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **VARIJA .C.J**, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) MINAKSHI SHARMA,** residing at No. 30, Vinayaka Nagar, Papanna Layout, Hoskote-562114, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) Mrs. MINAKSHI SHARMA** to **(NEW NAME) Mrs. MEENAKSHI SHARMA** vide affidavit Dated 31/12/2020 sworn before Notary R.Jayshree, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **MEGHANA**, D/o Kumaraswamy .N.K, W/o Sagar N Bhushan, aged about 31 years, R/at #1267, 9th 'B' Main, 5th Cross, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore-560050, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **MEGHANA** & **SOUJANYA** are one and the same and belongs to me only, hereafter I shall be known and called as **SOUJANYA** only, vide affidavit dated 10.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA,** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **PRATHEEP KUMAR JAYANDAN** S/o K Jayandan residing at No.405, Sumo Krupa Temple View Apartment, Subramanyapura Main Road, Gubbalala, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560061, I became Swamiji and hereby declare that **PRATHEEP KUMAR JAYANDAN** and **SRI SRI SRI YOGISHWARA SWAMI** both the names belongs to me only and shall henceforth be known and called as **SRI SRI SRI YOGISHWARA SWAMI** vide affidavit dated 30/12/2020 sworn before notary **GANGARAJU.B.N,** Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, (OLD NAME) VINITHA MARIA FRANCIS,** W/o. Francis Sunil Kumar, residing at No. 375/M, Opp Sapthagiri Apartment, Horamavu Agara, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VINITHA MARIA FRANCIS** to **(NEW NAME) VINITHA MARIA** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/20 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **NIRMALA MARY .M**, aged about 58 years, W/o Sri. Raju .A.C, r/at No. 312/376, Mallasandra Main Road, 6th Cross, T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560057, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PARVATHAMMA** to **NIRMALA MARY .M**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **NIRMALA MARY .M** only, vide affidavit dated 19.08.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **PRAKASH .C,** Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, *Shalini K,* residing at #B 104, Definer Serene Drive, Puttenahalli Village Road, Hoskote Town, VTC Hoskote- 562114, Karnataka have changed my name to *SHALINI BIJAY KUMAR,* vide Affidavit dtd.31st Dec 2020 sworn before A.IDINABBA, Notary Public**

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **ASHIRITA DIKSHIT,** residing at No.2038, 7th Main, D Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560010 have changed my name to **ASHRITA DIKSHIT V A** vide affidavit dated 30 Dec 2020, sworn before notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore.

**ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಕಕ್ಕೇರಾ, ತಾ. ಸುರಪುರ, ಜಿ. ಯಾದಗಿರಿ**

ಸಂ.: ಪುಸ/ಕಕ್ಕೆ/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 31-12-2020

**ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಕ್ಕೇರಾ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಇವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000 ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಕ್ಟ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅನುದಾನ ಯೋಜನೆ 2020-21 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ-1,3 ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1) ಟೆಂಡರಗಳ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಅಂತರಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಡೌನ್ಲೋಡ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01-01-2021,** 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15-01-2021** ರಂದು 16:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ, 3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **16-01-2021** ರಂದು 16.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ, 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **18-01-2021** ರಂದು 11.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

**1) Indent No.:** 111202, **Details of work : Package-01 :** Construction of CC Road. CC Drain at Ward No : 01, 02, 03, 04, 04, 06, 07, 09, 13, 14, 15, 17, Construction of Compound Wall at Ward No. 16, 20, 22, 23, Construction of Toilet block at Ward No. 12, 21 an d Construction of Street Light from Valmiki Chowk to Kanakadas Chowk of Kakkera Town, Tq. Shorapur, Dist. Yadgir, **Amt. put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) : 84.30, EMD :** 126500, **Class of contractor:** KPWD Class-I and above (3 months)

**2) Indent No.:** 111203, **Details of work : Package-02 :** Construction of compound wall for Virasheva Rudra Bhoomi in ward No. 05 of Kakkera town, Tq. Shorapur, Dist. Yadgir **(Reserved for S.C. Category), Amt. put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) : 15.03, EMD :** 18800, **Class of contractor:** KPWD Class-II and above (3 months).

3) **Indent No.:** 111204, **Details of work : Package-03 :** Providing of Rain Water Harvesting for LPS School in Ward No. 18, Providing MWS Scheme Near Boogalagatti School in Ward No. 19, Sinking of Borewell Fixing of Hand Pump in Ward No. 18 & 19 Middle, 22 of Kakkera Town in Shorapur Taluka, Dist : Yadagir **(Reserved for S.T. Category), Amt. put to tender (Rs. in lakhs) : 6.84, EMD :** 8600, **Class of contractor:** KPWD Class-III and above (3 months).

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಕ್ಕೇರಾ

ಸಹಿ/- ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಕ್ಕೇರಾ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/218/ಎಂಸಿಎ:2020-21

QuoteExpress **DON'T WATCH THE CLOCK; DO WHAT IT DOES. KEEP GOING** › SAM LEVENSON

Market Watch

| MARKET | | | GOLD | | | SILVER | | | FOREX | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 117.65 ▲ | Sensex | 47,868.98 | ₹10 ▲ | 24 carat (1 gm) | ₹5,030 | ₹420 ▼ | Per kg | ₹66,963 | ▼ Dollar | | 73.11 |
| 36.75 ▲ | Nifty | 14,018.5 | ₹10 ▲ | 22 carat (1 gm) | ₹5,010 | ₹0.42 ▼ | Per gm | ₹66.9 | ▼ Euro | | 88.69 |



# Ford, M&M call off planned joint venture

Auto majors call off deal citing changes in economic and business conditions triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AMERICAN carmaker Ford Motor Co and India's Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) have decided to end their automotive joint venture, citing changes in the global economic and business conditions, partly caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The action followed the running out of the December 31 "longstop", or expiration, date of the agreement they had signed in October 2019.

"According to the companies, the outcome was driven by fundamental changes in global economic and business conditions—caused, in part, by the global pandemic—since the agreement was first announced. Those changes influenced separate decisions by Ford and Mahindra to reassess their respective capital allocation priorities," M&M said in a regulatory filing.

It added that this decision would not have any impact on its product plan and that it would continue to focus on SUVs, including electric ones.

Ford, on the other hand, insisted that it will continue to maintain its solo operations in India, unlike General Motors, which had wrapped up operations in 2017.

"The company is actively evaluating its businesses around the world, including in India, making choices and allocating capital in ways that advance Ford's plan to achieve an 8 per cent company adjusted EBIT margin and generate consistently strong adjusted free cash flow," Ford Motor Co said.

The now scrapped agreement was signed to explore a strategic alliance covering areas like product development, electric vehicles and distribution in India and emerging markets. Mahindra was to acquire Ford's business in India, with Ford holding 49 per cent in a joint venture.

**In the changed scenario, the investments would have been significantly higher than what was there when the DA was signed. Therefore, it just did not make business sense.**—Pawan Goenka, M&M

M&M Managing Director and CEO Pawan Goenka said, "In the changed scenario, the investments would have been significantly higher than what was there when the DA was signed. Therefore, it just did not make business sense for either partner to go ahead."

Separately, M&M said it is in discussions with a potential investor to sell its majority stake in South Korean arm SsangYong Motor Company (SYMC) which has filed for bankruptcy.

## ASIANOMICS

### KOREA

**EXPORTS SHOOT THROUGH THE ROOF IN DECEMBER**

Riding high on robust chip demand and improved global consumption, South Korea's exports expanded at their fastest pact in 26 months in December. The spike in exports provides additional signals that the recovery is on track despite rising Covid-19 infections. Exports grew 12.6% y-o-y in December—the sharpest growth since October 2018 when it grew 22.5%, government data showed. The rate of growth was sharply higher than forecast as analysts expected a 5.6% jump from a year earlier. In November, exports had grown at a rate of 4.1%. By destination, exports to China, South Korea's biggest trading partner, rose 3.3% from a year ago, and those to the US and European Union jumped 11.6% and 26.4% respectively.

### NEPAL

**COUNTRY BRACES FOR A TRIPLE CHALLENGE**

Nepal's economy is staring at a triple challenge—political instability, an economic slump, and a public health crisis. With Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli dissolving the House of Representatives and announcing snap polls in April-May, the country's economic recovery will likely suffer a setback. The stringent four month lockdown last year meant that its GDP, which saw a steady 6% growth, will have to settle for less at 2.27% in 2020, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The World Bank also projects GDP growth to be limited to 1.5-2.8% in 2020, followed by 1.4-2.9% in 2021. In its Budget last May, the government had set an ambitious target of 7 per cent growth.

### CHINA

**NEW HOME PRICES COOL OFF AS POLICIES TIGHTEN**

Prices of new homes in China rose at a slower pace in December, with tightening policies continuing to cool the market, according to data from China Index Academy, a real estate research firm. But price growth in 2020 still topped the previous year's despite the pandemic. New home prices in 100 cities rose 0.25% in December over November, moderating for the second straight month. For the whole year 2020, new home prices rose 3.46%, slightly more than the 3.43% seen in 2019. Land sales by volume rose 7% in 2020 from 2019, while the average transaction price per square metre rose 7%, buoyed by double-digit land price growth in tier-1 cities. More cities reported monthly gains, however, climbing to 79 from 71 in November.

TURNAROUND

# 2021 COULD BE THE YEAR OF THE GREAT RESET

SUNITHA NATTI @ Hyderabad

IF 2020 plunged the world into a Great Recession, 2021 could be the year of a Great Reset, if data is to be believed. India is currently coursing through a technical recession, but high frequency indicators are consistently faring better, confirming that recovery could be faster than expected in Asia's third largest economy.

Care Ratings' Economic Comeback Meter shows that the Indian economy has been on a comeback path, though there's far more ground to cover. That's because only select parameters are witnessing a gradual but sustained improvement, though this positive momentum has been consistent for four months in a row running up to November 2020.

**Pent-up demand**

Experts believe much of the recovery in late 2020 was due to pent-up demand, but are unclear if it will lead to topline growth

The three broad measures—investment, production and consumption—are exhibiting mixed performance. While production is represented by power generation, e-way bills, and non-oil-gold imports, consumption is measured using sales of passenger cars, 2-wheelers, petrol consumption, and GST collections. Investment is gauged using bank credit growth, debt issuances in the market, and other factors.

If the Markit India Services Purchasing Managers' Index stood at 53.7 in November (reading above 50 indicates expansion), both the manufacturing and services sectors saw price pressures. Similarly, exports lost momentum last month declining 8.7 per cent in November over last year, even as imports were weak with demand for capital goods remaining subdued.

Coming to consumption, passenger vehicle sales, the benchmark of consumer demand, shot up 4.7 per cent in November, though the pace of growth was slower than festive season sales. Credit growth too picked up to 5.5 per cent in November, but was far less than desired. Agriculture, which grew at a consistent 3.4 per cent during the first half, is expected to remain the economy's bright spot.

Experts believe much of the recovery during late 2020 was been driven by pent-up demand, but whether that leads to trendline growth is unclear. On its part, the RBI is hopeful that growth will enter the positive zone in the ongoing quarter itself. In FY21, GDP growth will likely contract by 7.5 per cent as against its earlier projection of 9-10 per cent. The good news is, FY22 will likely record a double-digit growth rate of 10 per cent for the first time in over a decade. Even the government believes that the sustained improvement in high frequency indicators in October and November ignite optimism of a better Q3.

"There is a growing cautious optimism that the steep plunges of April-June quarter may not resurface with significant progress in vaccines and contact intensive sectors increasingly adapting to a virtual normal," the Union Ministry of Finance observed in its monthly update. "This V-shaped recovery, evident at the half-way stage of 2020-21, reflects the resilience and robustness of the Indian economy. The fundamentals of the economy remain strong as gradual scaling back of lockdowns, along with the astute support of Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission has placed the economy firmly on the path of recovery," it added.

# RoDTEP benefits subject to conditions notified by Govt

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government on Friday said that the availability of benefits under the RoDTEP tax refund scheme for exporters will be subject to conditions and restrictions that would be notified over the next few days. The government had, on Thursday, said that it has decided to extend the benefit of the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme to all goods, with effect from Friday. The finance ministry had also said that the RoDTEP benefit would be available from January 1 even if the rates and other details are prescribed later.

"The benefit of RoDTEP would be available subject to the conditions, restriction, exclusions, ineligibility and fulfilment of the procedural requirements as notified," the ministry said in a statement. These will be related to the details of export goods (tariff lines) eligible for scheme; applicable RoDTEP rate, value caps (wherever applicable) on such eligible goods/tariff lines; excluded category of exports; other conditions and restrictions and the procedural details for grant of RoDTEP duty credit, and the utilisation of the grants.

**Benefits from Jan 1**

The finance ministry also said that the RoDTEP benefit would be available from January 1 even if the rates and other details are prescribed later within the next few days or weeks

The government had approvd the scheme in March for the reimbursement of taxes and duties to exporters, with a view to give a boost the country's dwindling outbound shipments.

The new scheme will refund exporters the embedded central, state and local duties and taxes that were so far not being rebated or refunded and were, therefore, placing India's exports at a disadvantage.

In view of this problem, a three-member committee had been formed for the determination of ceiling rates under a scheme for reimbursement of taxes and duties to exporters. The country's exports declined 17.76 per cent to $173.66 billion during April-November this financial year.

## EXPRESS READ

### Sebi fines RIL, Mukesh Ambani, others

New Delhi: Regulator Sebi on Friday imposed penalties on Reliance Industries Ltd, its Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani as well as two other entities for alleged manipulative trading in the shares of erstwhile Reliance Petroleum Ltd (RPL) back in November 2007. Fines of ₹25 crore and ₹15 crore have been on Reliance Industries and Ambani, respectively.

### Irdai imposes penalty on Bharti AXA

New Delhi: Regulator Irdai has imposed a total penalty of ₹15 lakhs on Bharti AXA General Insurance Company in two different cases for violation of various provisions concerning motor insurance. In this first case, the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (Irdai) slapped a penalty of ₹10 lakh on the private sector insurance company for non-compliance.

# Carmakers end 2020 on a high as sales soar

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CARMAKERS on Friday reported strong sales figures for December 2020 even as discounts and offers this year were significantly lower than those offered the previous year.

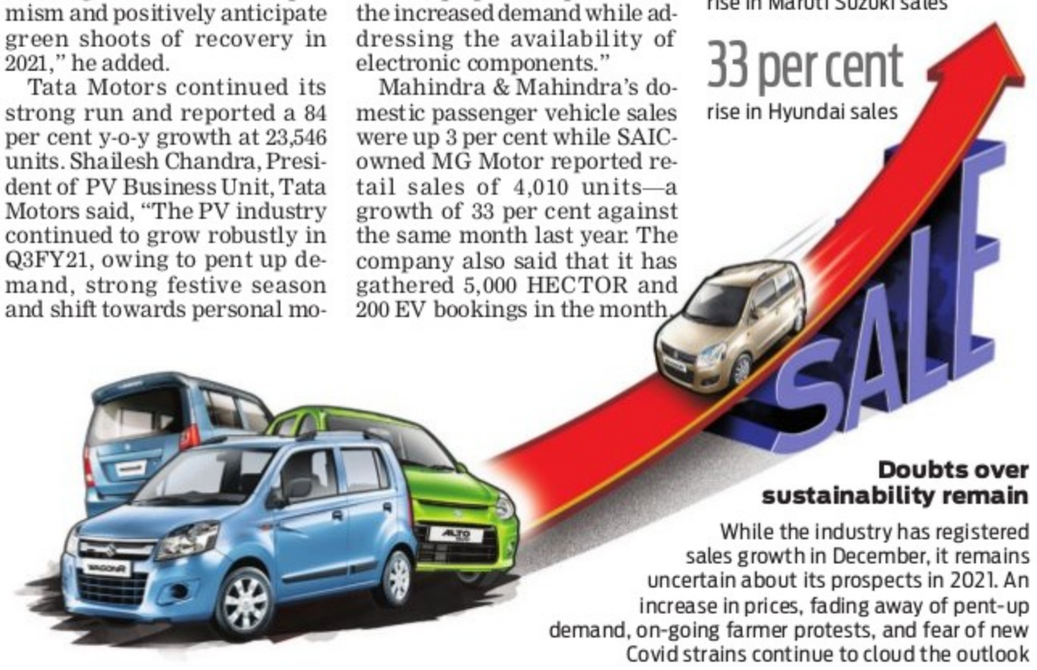
India's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) reported a 15 per cent year-on-year growth in domestic sales at 1,40,754 units.

Total sales, including exports, were up by 20 per cent. Hyundai Motor India's (HMIL) total sales for the month rose by 33 per cent to 66,750 units. The Korean carmaker's domestic sales were up 25 per cent—its highest ever monthly tally. Exports increased 58.84 per cent to 19,350 units.

"The world has witnessed multiple challenges in 2020. However, as the most innovative brand, Hyundai has emerged stronger out of this crisis, leading the way for economic revival," HMIL MD and CEO SS Kim said. "Looking towards the future, we are proceeding with cautious optimism and positively anticipate green shoots of recovery in 2021," he added.

Tata Motors continued its strong run and reported a 84 per cent y-o-y growth at 23,546 units. Shailesh Chandra, President of PV Business Unit, Tata Motors said, "The PV industry continued to grow robustly in Q3FY21, owing to pent up demand, strong festive season and shift towards personal mobility... We are continuing to debottleneck the supply chain and ramp up our output to meet the increased demand while addressing the availability of electronic components."

Mahindra & Mahindra's domestic passenger vehicle sales were up 3 per cent while SAIC-owned MG Motor reported retail sales of 4,010 units—a growth of 33 per cent against the same month last year. The company also said that it has gathered 5,000 HECTOR and 200 EV bookings in the month.




**Doubts over sustainability remain**

While the industry has registered sales growth in December, it remains uncertain about its prospects in 2021. An increase in prices, fading away of pent-up demand, on-going farmer protests, and fear of new Covid strains continue to cloud the outlook

NEW CHIEF

## Mondal takes over as SAIL's first woman chairperson

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-OWNED Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) on Friday said that Soma Mondal has now taken charge of the company as its chairperson. Mondal will be the steel sector giant's first woman chairperson and will take over from former chairman Anil Kumar Chaudary. Prior to this, she was the director (commercial) of SAIL, the country's largest steelmaking company said.

A 1984-graduate in electrical engineering from the National Institute of Technology-Rourkela, Mondal started her career as a graduate engineer trainee at NALCO and rose to become director (commercial) at NALCO. Mondal had joined SAIL in 2017 as the director (commercial), the official release pointed out.

She succeeds Anil Kumar Chaudhary, who superannuated on Thursday after serving the company for 36 years in various roles including that of junior manager and director (finance).

Mondal said, "Our immediate focus is to improve the topline (revenue) and bottomline (profit) of the company. We are charting out all strategies to improve value for all our stakeholders and make it structurally stronger." She added SAIL has a rich legacy with enormous contributions from its employees and leadership over the decades.

# FinMin, RBI to thrash out differences on NPAs

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

OFFICIALS from the Finance Ministry and the RBI will meet next week to settle differences over bank recapitalisation and non-performing assets (NPA).

According to finance ministry sources, the government wanted the RBI to go soft on NPAs in the upcoming Financial Stability Report (FSR). However, RBI has taken a stronger stand and recommended that the NPA problem be laid out transparently.

If the RBI has its way, the government will have to allocate more money to keep banks operational. It had earmarked ₹20,000 crore this financial year for bank recapitalisation. The FSR report, which was scheduled to be released in the last week of December, has now been postponed to January. "There is some clarity required over the NPA issue. There will be a meeting next week after which the report will be released," a finance ministry official told TNIE.

The RBI's stance is evident in its report on banking trends in India for FY20 published recently, hinting at more money required for bank recapitalisation.

"While the government has earmarked ₹20,000 crore in the first supplementary, they may raise more resources from the market as an optimal capital raising strategy," the report had suggested, It also warned that NPA levels may be misleading since they were largely driven by loan write-offs and cautioned that the asset quality may deteriorate sharply in the coming months.

Banks had written off a record high of ₹2,37,876 crore in FY20, enabling banks to show lower NPAs. The central bank has warned in its report that the modest NPA ratio of 7.5 per cent at end-September 2020 "veils the strong undercurrent of slippage".

**Fleet underutilised**

The IFTRT says that fleet utilisation has dropped by around 10 per cent in December after the festive season boost earlier

# Demand for trucks fall as demand fades

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AFTER steady improvement recorded over the past few months, December saw a decline in the utilisation of India's truck fleet—an indication of the slwo fading away of pent-up demand.

According to the IFTRT, "December turned out to be a lean month for truck rentals as freight rates dropped by 3-4 per cent across the country, while diesel prices havd risen by around ₹2 per litre during the period. Cargo availability at factory gates dropped by 8-10 per cent, while agri food item movement remained steady across trunk routes".

The agency said that poor cargo availability post the festival season has seen the price of rentals drop.

"The most alarming trend has been the conflict of interest between truckers and that of good booking agents, as truckers had a very bad year due to under utilisation of their fleets. But on the other had, agents managed to have windfall gains be ferrying consignments which avoided taxes and managed high freight margins because of the low trucks rental rates," it added.

ALL-TIME HIGH

# *New Year's Eve sees record online food orders*

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ONLINE food delivery platform Zomato delivered 4,254 orders per minute on New Year's Eve (December 31, 2020), with a single day GMV of ₹75 crore—a 60 per cent spike compared to the previous year. Nearly one lakh delivery partners of Zomato helped serve the orders , Zomato CEO, Deepinder Goyal said in a tweet. "If we had unconstrained supply, we could have hit ₹100 crore of GMV yesterday," he added.

Goyal went on to point out that failure and customer complaint rates were at an all time low for the food delivery segment in India. "This is a testament to the work everyone in the ecosystem has put in to make this a delightful experience for customers," he said.

The Zomato CEO had earlier said that online food delivery in India is headed for a major recovery after Covid disruptions, with December 2020 registering the highest-ever monthly GMV for the firm, almost 25 per cent higher than the previous peak seen in February 2020. The sector, he said, was coming out of the shadows with the tailwinds clearly visible. "We believe that the growth of the sector will continue post (the roll out of the) vaccine," Goyal said.

Insights from Zomato's year-end survey revealed that the highest order value for 2020 was one worth ₹1,99,950. The food delivery platform also delivered over 17 lakh orders of pizza during November 2020 compared to 4.5 lakh such orders in March. Rival Swiggy said that Biryani was the most ordered dish on its platform in 2020 with more than three lakh Chicken Biryani orders sent out by new users.

## 'Get lost' comment from Aussies made me walk out in 1981: Sunny

Sunil Gavaskar has cleared the air on his infamous walkout incident during the Melbourne Test of 1981, saying it was the Australians telling him to "get lost" that made him walk off the pitch with his opening partner and not the leg before decision against him. In his earlier interviews, Gavaskar has said he regretted the decision to leave the field in such controversial manner.

# WAITING GAMES

Recent spike in Covid-19 cases in Japan causes new problems for the postponed 2020 Tokyo Olympics; India's wrestling, archery preparations in host nation may get affected

**SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN**
@Chennai

Tokyo Olympics is slated to begin on July 23 and will run till August 8

THE Indian wrestling team have decided to put their on-site plans on hold apropos the Olympics. They had earlier planned to stay in a hotel near the competition venue (Makuhari Messe in Chiba prefecture) as it is far away from the Athletes Village. They had blocked tickets early last year before deciding to pay for the hotel rooms around April. However, after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) pushed back the Olympics to 2021, they had blocked for the same dates a year later. Now, those plans have effectively been put on hold.

"The idea to stay in a hotel near the venue is very much what we want but the plans have been put on hold," a JSW Sports (they manage many of the country's elite wrestlers) spokesperson told this daily. "There isn't much clarity to be very honest. Till such time, we have decided to put some of our acclimatisation and other plans on hold." There is also the question of IOC allowing the contingent to stay outside the Village in a bio-bubble like setting.

That's not all. A few Japanese cities had come forward to host teams for pre Olympic camps. Now, those cities have to undergo stringent Covid-19 protocols to if they are to 'host' Olympic teams. For example, India's archery contingent had decided to go for a pre-Olympics camp in Kurobe, a city in Toyama Prefecture.

According to new rules, if Kurobe wants to host the Indian contingent, the city is 'required by the central government to compile Covid-19 countermeasure guidelines that must be followed by local authorities and overseas visitors, including how to provide transport for athletes and take anti-virus steps at training facilities', according to kyodonews, a Japanese publication. The change in rules is all linked to the country's recent in new Covid-19 cases. In the last week itself, Tokyo has set two new records (949 new infections on December 26 followed by 1,337 new cases on December 31).

### Rules on foreign nationals

In fact, the spike has forced the government to pass short-term regulations limiting the arrival of foreign nationals. On December 28, the government announced a new directive banning the entry of most non-resident foreign nationals till the end of January. There is even a caveat for resident foreign nationals, with a two-week self isolation procedure to be followed upon re-entry. The same law is applicable to athletes, according to Kyodonews.

"The Japanese government," they reported, "has decided to suspend special entry conditions for athletes and team staff from countries and regions where new, potentially more infectious variants of the coronavirus have been found, sources with knowledge of the matter said on Tuesday. The government has already notified the Japanese Olympic Committee and other bodies likely to be impacted by the changes, according to the sources."

The latest slew of regulations is a consequence of the virus putting a strain on the country's health care system. It's also partly to do with a new virus variant that was detected there last week. Under the government's official stop covid website the Medical System Provisions show the 'system is under strain'.

### State of emergency soon?

Alarmingly, Japan could even consider declaring a state of emergency if the trends don't come down. On Wednesday, Yasutoshi Nakamura, the man responsible for the country's coronavirus response, said they could consider an emergency if things don't improve. He 'made the remark on Twitter but did not specify which areas of the country may be affected', according to NHK, a public broadcaster. "The government may look at declaring a state of emergency to protect people's lives if the coronavirus continues to spread," he said according to a translator.

However, he also said that the country remained determined to host the Olympics. That's of course been the stance of the IOC as well as the new Prime Minister, Yoshihide Suga. Suga, infact, said Japan hosting the Games will be 'proof that humanity has defeated the pandemic'.

However, things are vastly different now in Japan even if several countries have started vaccinations. On Friday, Tokyo had reported 783 new cases.

Throw in the fact that Japan will not begin inoculations at least till February — "we have already developed an arrangement for starting vaccinations as soon as approval is given by the authorities. All the necessary data will be in hand by February for the evaluation of the vaccine efficacy," Suga said.

# HC stays order, BSFI announces poll results

**FIROZ MIRZA** @Chennai

IN a big relief to the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India, Karnataka High Court has granted an interim stay on the order issued by the District Registrar of Societies, Bengaluru. The registrar, through an order dated December 5, had cancelled the BSFI's elections.

Given the court's order dated December 30, the returning officer Veeranna G Tigadi, district and sessions judge (retired), has announced the election results. The federation has also sent the order along with names of newly-elected office-bearers to the sports ministry seeking its recognition.

"Court observed that the order issued by the District Registrar of Societies on December 5 cancelling the election of the BSFI was erroneous. It has also granted an interim stay on the order," Sunil Bajaj, BSFI secretary-general, told this daily.

Earlier, the BSFI was scheduled to declare the results in its annual general meeting (AGM) scheduled on December 12 in Bengaluru. However, the same could not be done because of the registrar order. Ace cueist Pankaj Advani's coach, Arvind Savur, had challenged the BSFI elections through his petition after which the registrar cancelled the polls.

As only a single nomination was received for each post of office-bearers, the candidates were supposed to be elected unopposed. With the Karnataka High Court paving way for declaration of the results, Pune-based businessman Rajan Khinvasara has been elected as BSFI president.

"We have sent the court order and election results to the sports ministry. We are expecting ministry's recognition for the BSFI in a day or two," said Bajaj.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Eng squad to leave for Lanka on Sat

LONDON: England's Sri Lanka-bound cricket contingent has tested negative for Covid-19 and will be leaving for the island nation on Saturday for a two-match Test series, starting on January 14. England players and support staff had undergone Covid-19 testing on December 30. On arrival, the contingent will spend 10 days in a bio-secure bubble in Hambantota, according to a report in 'Sky Sports'.

### Sociedad beat Bilbao 1-0 to end winless run

BARCELONA: Real Sociedad won 1-0 at Athletic Bilbao in a Basque Country derby to end its winless run and strengthen its hold on third place in the Spanish league. Cristian "Portu" Portugu's scored the game's only goal in the fifth minute after Mikel Merino played Mikel Oyarzabal clear on the flank, where he squared the ball for Portu to score. Osasuna drew 1-1 with Alav's despite playing with 10 men from the eighth minute.

# Oly trials for archers fixed

**AYANTAN CHOWDHURY**
@New Delhi

ARCHERY Association of India have finalised the dates for the Olympic selection trials while outlining how they are going to go about selecting their core team. Officials have also discussed the possibility of changing the venue of the camp.

Two more selection trials have been planned, the first of which is from January 18 to 22. The list of archers will be pruned down to eight among men and women from the current 12. Next trial will be in the first week of March and the top scorers will be selected for the Games.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# Rohit named vice-captain

**PTI** @New Delhi

ROHIT Sharma was on Friday appointed the vice-captain of the Indian Test team for the first time in his career, replacing Cheteshwar Pujara, who was entrusted with the responsibility for the Boxing Day Test.

After regular captain Virat Kohli went on paternity leave after the first Test, Pujara was named Ajinkya Rahane's deputy for the second match. However, it is learnt that the team management was always clear that once Rohit is fit and able to join the squad, he will be Rahane's deputy. Meanwhile, Thangarasu Natarajan on Friday replaced injured pacer Umesh Yadav in the Indian Test team.

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No. Komul/Trust/INSURANCE/E-TENDER 02559/2020-2021 Date: 31.12.2020

**SHORT TERM INSURANCE TENDER NOTIFICATION**

KOLAR-CHIKKABALLAPUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK UNION LTD., Kolar Invites short term E-Procurement Tender from IRDAI Registered and Qualified Insurance Companies to provide Health Insurance (Mediclaim) facility to the MPCS Staff of Kolar – Chikkaballapur District Co-operative Milk Union Ltd., through E-Procurement portal.

**The details are mentioned here under**

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| 1 | Access to E-tender Documents | 31.12.2020 |
| 2 | Last date & time for tender Clarification | 05.01.2021 up to 3.00 PM |
| 3 | Last date for submission Tender/ quoting | 08.01.2021 up to 5.00 PM |
| 4 | Date & Time for opening of Technical Tender Part-1 | 11.01.2021 At 10.00 AM |
| 5 | Date & Time for opening of Commercial Tender Part-2 | 12.01.2021 At 10.00AM |
| 6 | Place of opening of Technical Cum commercial Tender | Head Office (Dairy Premises) Kolar-Chikkaballapur Dist, Co-op. Milk Union Limited NH-75, Huthur Post, Kolar-563102 |

The Tenders may submit separate tender for the above. **The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender Processing Fee modes of e-payment as mentioned in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in file.**

**Managing Director,**
**Tender Inviting Authority,**
**Kolar-chikkaballapur Co-op Milk union Ltd.,**

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No.VIMS/GNL-1/Tender/01/2020-21 Date : 29/12/2020

**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

E-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for providing the Man Power services on outsourcing basis for **"Office Boy, Sweeper, Attenders, Ayah & Laundry workers"** to Medical College, Government Dental College & Research Institute, T.B. Hospital & Urban Health Centre for the year 2020-21 at Vijayanagara Institute of Medical Sciences, Ballari under Two Cover Bids System as per KTPP Act 1999 & Rules 2000 through e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka for a period of one year. The information may be obtained from this office during office hours & website : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

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| 1 | Approximate cost of tender | Rs.215.00 Lakhs Per Annum. |
| 2 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs. 3.23 Lakhs |
| 3 | Starting for downloading of Tender Document @ e-portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in | 31/12/2020 |
| 4 | Last date for submission of queries @ e-portal only. | 08/01/2021 upto 5.00 PM |
| 5 | Pre Bid Meeting | 16/01/2021 @ 11.00 AM |
| 6 | Last Date for submission of bids. | 01/02/2021 UPTO 5.00 PM |
| 7 | Techno-Commercial Bid opening date and time | 03/02/2021 @ 11.00 AM |
| 8. | Opening of Price Bid | Will be intimated to the Techno-Commercially ResponsiveTenderers. |
| 9 | Place of opening of Tender | Chambers of Director, VIMS, Cantonment, Ballari-583104 |

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**Sd/-**
**Director, VIMS, Ballari**

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Through e-procurement Portal)

**Tender No: 109/STS/W/ERSSDial-112/2020-21 Date: 31/12/2020**

Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru invited tender for **Providing Call Takers for 24x7 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) at Bengaluru** through e-procurement portal, Estimated Bid value: Rs. 1543.68 Lakhs. Pre-bid meeting on 13/01/2021 at 11.30 Hrs. **The Last date and time for tender submission 30/01/2021, 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For more information, please contact the above office.

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**Additional Director General of Police**
Communication, Logistics And Modernization

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No.908/BGK/SEE/EE(O)/AEE-1/Tr.(W&M)/F-53/5247-56 Date: 31-12-2020

**FULL TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - CALL 2**
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites tenders for the following works on **TOTAL TURNKEY BASIS.**

**(1) Tender No. KPTCL/BGK/SEE/20-21/GROUPWORKS/CALL-2 FOR COMBINED WORKS OF (A)** Replacement of Existing tower Loc No.:304, DA+0 type tower by DA+6 type tower for maintaining ground clearance on Kajjidoni to Udagatii road of 220kV Bagalkot to Vajjramatti line for safety of public in TLM section, KPTCL, Bagalkot. **(B)** Replacement of Existing tower Loc No.:64, SA+0 type tower by DA+6 type tower for maintaining ground clearance of 110kV Bagalkot to Kaladagi line for safety of public in TLM section, KPTCL, Bagalkot. **(C)** Providing two No's of DC "DB+3 & DB+6" type intermediate towers in existing 110kV Bagalkot to Bagewadi D/C Line between Loc No. 07 to 11 to maintain ground clearance for safety of public including Supply, Erection and civil works such as concreting of foundation for erection of towers in TLM section KPTCL Bagalkot, TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Bagalkot. **(D)** Replacement of deteriorated and damaged lynx Y- phase conductor and hardwares from Loc. 83 to 92 of 110kV S/C line from 220kV R/S B. Bagewadi to 220kV R/S Vijayapur CKT-2 under TLM Section KPTCL, B. Bagewadi in TL&SSM Division, Vijayapur.

The tenders will be received through **e-Procurement portal only.** The details regarding participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **www.kptcl.com** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11.00 Hrs on 02.01.2021.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice**

Tender No : 141/2020-21/PHC/KNR, Jal Jeevan Mission- Kasargode District -Mangalpady Panchayath ARWSS to Uppala and adjoining Villages-Phase II – Laying Distribution. System and providing FHTC(Re-Tender), EMD : Rs. 200000, Tender fee : Rs. 11200, Last Date for submitting Tender : 25-01-2021 03:00:pm, Phone : 04972705902, Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-754-2020-21 PH Circle, Kannur

**KERALA WATER AUTHORITY**
**e-Tender Notice**

Tender No : 27/2020-21/SRI/NTR. JJM 2020-21 Enabling local community for water quality monitoring using field Test kits - Supply of 4750 units Field Test Kits (100 test/ unit) and 475000 Nos. Bacteriological vials including test strips. EMD : Rs. 50000. Tender fee : Rs. 5000. Last Date for submitting Tender : **18-01-2021 03:00:pm.** Phone : 0484-2702278. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-744-2020-21 SRI Circle, Nettoor

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**OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)**

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1. **SUPPLY OF CHARTER CARGO AIRCRAFT SERVICES FOR TRANSPORTATION OF HIGHLY SENSITIVE SECURITY MATERIAL, TENDER No. 034/SAL/PUR/2020-21 LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF THE TENDER IS 02.02.2021 by 11:30 HRS.**
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**Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere**
No.: EE:R.D.W.&S.D.:D//A.E.-1/J.J.M.Tender:2020-21:853
Date: 30.12.2020

**Short-Term Tender Notice**
(Through e-Procurement) (2nd and 3rd Call)

**On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar tenders are invited through e-procurement portal in KW Forms as per rules of the Department from registered, eligible contractors who are registered in e-procurement for works of supply of drinking water scheme approved under Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme (providing Tap Connection to Houses) in Honnali Taluk of Davanagere District for the year 2020-21. Last date for submission of filled tenders through e-procurement portal: 07.01.2021 up to 5.00 PM. Further details can be obtained from phone no. of this office: 08192-262126 or from website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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**KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No: A1A5C/Stationary/1045 Date: 01.01.2021

**CANCELLATION OF TENDER NOTIFICATION**

This office Tenders No.A1A5C/Stationary/702 Dated : 21.09.2020 published in this daily on 22.09.2020 for **supply of office stationery items for the use of KPCLs offices in Bengaluru on Annual Rate Contract (ARC) basis** is cancelled .

**Sd/- Deputy General Manager (CC), KPCL, Bengaluru.**

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EE(E)/TL&SS/AE(T)/CHINTAMANI/2020-21/1723 Date : 31-12-2020

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

KPTCL invites following office tenders pertaining to Transmission Lines and substation Division, Chintamani.

**(1)** Refilling of fire extinguishers at 66/11KV MUSS Jangamakote, Shidlagatta, Melur and Dibburahalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(2)** Refilling of Fire Extinguishers at 66/11KV MUSS Julpalya, Thimmampalli, Pathapalya, Chelur and Somanathapura in TL & SSD Gowribidanur. **(3)** Supply of new Fire Extinguishers at 66/11KV MUSS Chelur in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(4)** Supply of 02 no's of TNC switches for 66KV Iragampalli line and 220KV bus coupler at 220KV RS Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(5)** Supply of DCDB panel to 66/11KV MUSS Chakavelu in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(6)** Arresting oil Leakage of 66/11kV, 12.5MVA(NGEF) make Power Transformer-1 in all gaskets of radiators on top and bottom, near buchholz relay point and main tank top plate gasket radiator gaskets at 66/11KV MUSS Somanathapura in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(7)** Reconditioning and refilling of existing fire extinguishers at 220KV RS Chintamani, G.Kodihalli and M.Gollahalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(8)** Supply of 01 No. of 11KV polycrete Outdoor 600-300/1-1-1A Current Transformer at 66/11KV MUSS Jangamakote in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(9)** Supply of maintenance materials to 66/11KV MUSS Talagawara in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(10)** Orem gear replacemet work Power Transformer-2 at 66/11KV MUSS Dibburahalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(11)** Supply of maintenance materials at 66/11KV Sub station Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(12)** Supply of portable 110V, 100AH battery charger to 66/11KV MUSS Cheemangala in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(13)** Supply of maintenance materilas to 66/11KV MUSS Nandhiganahalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(14)** Supply of maintenance materials to 66/11KV MUSS G.Kodihalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(15)** Replacement of faulty MW meters, MVAR meters and hooters of Power Transformer-1&2 at 66/11KV MUSS G.Kodihalli in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(16)** Supply of rubber mats to 66/11KV MUSS Shidlagatta in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(17)** Supply of silica gel breather for OLTC conservator of 100MVA Power Transformer-2 at 220KV RS Chintamnai in TL&SSD Chintamani.

**(18)** Refilling of fire extinghuishers at 66/11KV MUSS Nandhiganahalli, 66KV Chintamani & 66/11KV Pallicherlu in TL&SSD Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(19)** Supply of 12V, battery for diesel generator stater at 220KV RS Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(20)** Repair and reconditioning of motorized oil testing kit at 220KV RS Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(21)** Repair of 11KV annunciation panel at 66/11KV MUSS Ganjigunte in TL&SSD Chintamani. **(22)** Repair and reconditioning of LTAC panel at 66/11KV MUSS Cheemangala in TL&SSD Chintamani.

**SECOND CALL:**

**(23)** Repair and reconditioning of CPU pertaining to 66/11KV Sub-Station Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani.

**THIRD CALL:**

**(24)** Repair and reconditioning of RTCC panel of Power Transformer-1 at 66/11KV MUSS Somanathapura in TL&SSD Gowribidanur. **(25)** Repair and reconditioning of 1250A, male contact of 66KV GOS at 220KV RS Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani.**(26)** Repair and reconditioning of 66KV 02 numbers GOS at 66/11KV MUSS Chintamani in TL&SSD Chintamani.

Enquiry details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned from **02-01-2021 at 10:00** Hrs onwards. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele)**
**TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Chintamani-563125**

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Swedish researchers has revealed how different kinds of immune cells, called macrophages, develop in the lungs, and which of them may be behind severe lung diseases, a discovery that may contribute to future treatments for Covid-19.

EXFILE • TECH

## S***! Your waste could power train to replace UK city trams

Amid plans to phase out dirty diesel engines, trains run on gas made from human and animal waste and discarded food could join the rolling stock of Britain's railways. A look at it

**WHAT IS IT?**

The 'BioUltra' railcar is the brainchild of a team of engineers led by the Worcester-based Ultra Light Rail Partners (ULRP) — and will be able to carry up to 120 passengers. This demo 'mini train' — which was around 33 feet long and weighed some 12 tons — was put through its paces at Motorail's Long Marston test facility in July

**120** passengers can be carried by BioUltra railcar

**12** The demo mini train weighed some 12 tons

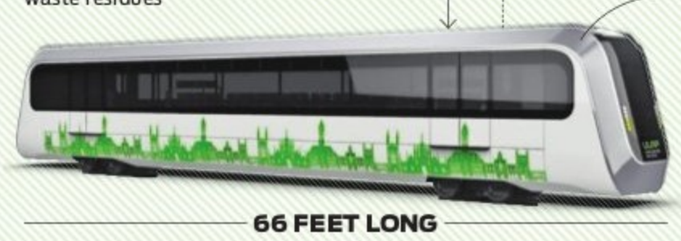
**50 mph**
**SPEED**
With a top speed of 50 mph, the 66 feet long car will turn biomethane gas into electrical power which will charge the train's batteries

**£60,000**
**FUNDING**
The development is being supported by a £60,000 grant from Innovate UK, the government's non-departmental research-funding agency. This is the second such grant that the team have been awarded

**2000**
**RANGE**
The BioUltra railcar's tanks will give a maximum range of around 2,000 miles between refuelling stations

**BIOMASS EXPLAINED**

Biomass is fuel that is developed from organic materials, a renewable and sustainable source of energy used to create electricity or other forms of power. Some examples of materials that make up biomass fuels are scrap lumber, forest debris, crops, manure and some types of waste residues



66 FEET LONG

**FEATURES**

1 In the wake of Covid-19, the new train will sport health features such as UV lighting, virus-killing copper surfaces, plastic shields and robust ventilation

2 The BioUltra train will be able to replace polluting, noisier and less efficient diesel railcars on those small branch lines which have not been electrified

3 The train will run on regular-gauge tracks but thanks to its lightweight build at around 20 tons, less than half of the typical diesel railcar will cause less wear-and-tail on the rails

**Environment friendly**

Unlike diesel engines, biomethane-powered rolling stock would emit no toxic nitrogen dioxide — and would actually result in a net removal of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Despite the source of the fuel, methane has no smell

**TARGET 2040**

The government has announced plans to phase out diesel-powered trains from the UK's railways by the year 2040 — and is turning to alternative fuel sources

**Biomethane can be proved to be the most environmentally friendly fuel. I am delighted that this locally produced and sustainable fuel will continue to be used for this new railcar**

**ULRP's technical director Christopher Maltin**

# Emergency WHO nod to Pfizer's vaccine

Clearance paves the way for poorer countries to get access to the jab that is already available in Europe and North America

**HEALTH**

GENEVA: The World Health Organisation (WHO) on Thursday granted emergency validation to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, paving the way for countries worldwide to quickly approve its import and distribution. Britain launched its inoculation drive with the US-German vaccine on December 8, with the United States, Canada and European Union (EU) countries following suit.

WHO said the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was the first to receive its "emergency validation" since the novel coronavirus first broke out in China a year ago. "This is a very positive step towards ensuring global access to Covid-19 vaccines," said Mariangela Simao, a top WHO official tasked with ensuring access to medicines.

"But I want to emphasise the need for an even greater global effort to achieve enough vaccine supply to meet the needs of priority populations everywhere," she said in a statement.

The world body said its emergency use listing opens the way for regulators in different countries to approve the import and distribution of the vaccine. It said it also enables UNICEF, which plays a key logistical role in distributing anti-Covid vaccines, and the Pan-American Health Organisation to procure the vaccine for countries that need it.

WHO convened its own experts and those from around the world to review the data on the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine's "safety, efficacy and quality," weighing the benefits against the risks.

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Mariangela Simao, WHO official

"The review found that the vaccine met the must-have criteria for safety and efficacy set out by WHO, and that the benefits of using the vaccine to address Covid-19 offset potential risks," it said.

### How it works

The emergency use listing (EUL) procedure assesses the suitability of novel health products during public health emergencies. The objective is to make medicines, vaccines and diagnostics available as rapidly as possible to address the emergency while adhering to stringent criteria of safety, efficacy and quality. The assessment weighs the threat posed by the emergency as well as the benefit that would accrue from the use of the product against any potential risks.

The EUL pathway involves a rigorous assessment of late phase II and phase III clinical trial data as well as substantial additional data on safety, efficacy, quality and a risk management plan. These data are reviewed by independent experts and WHO teams who consider the current body of evidence on the vaccine under consideration, the plans for monitoring its use, and plans for further studies.

### UK approaches 1 mn-mark

Britain said Thursday that it had vaccinated almost 950,000 people, as a surge in coronavirus cases prompted the reopening of field hospitals. According to the latest government figures, 944,539 people in the UK had received a first dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine as of Sunday. A second approved vaccine, developed by Oxford University and British drugs firm AstraZeneca, will be given from next week.

Health secretary Matt Hancock said the figures showed the state-run National Health Service had "risen to this enormous task". He predicted the number of vaccinations would "rise rapidly in the months ahead". Prime Minister Boris Johnson in a New Year message underscored the "hard struggle" ahead, as pressure mounted on the NHS to deal with the rise in cases. At the same time, he said "as the sun rises on 2021, we have the certainty of those vaccines".

Three-quarters of UK's population are currently under the harshest anti-virus restrictions and ordered to stay at home except for essential trips.

# STIP draft targets self-reliance in tech

**SCIENCE**

NEW DELHI: A push for self-reliance in technology, enhanced funding for science, technology and innovation with an earmarked budget by states, gender and social audits in academic and professional organisations are some of the major takeaways of the draft STIP 2020 that aims to position India among the top three scientific superpowers in the decade to come.

The draft Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) has been uploaded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) on its website. The DST has also invited suggestions, inputs and comments for making changes by January 25.

The policy states that its aim is "to achieve technological self-reliance and position India among the top three scientific superpowers in the decade to come; to double the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) researchers, Gross Domestic Expenditure on R&D (GERD) and private sector contribution to the GERD every five years; build individual and institutional excellence in STI with the aspiration to achieve highest level of global recognitions in the coming decade".

The policy also envisages the formation of an STI Development Bank for direct investments on long and medium-term projects in select strategic areas, commercial ventures, start-ups, technology diffusion and licensing.

It also aims to create an accountable research ecosystem, promoting translational as well as foundational research in the country in alignment with global standards.

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+) community will be included in gender equity conversations with special provisions to safeguard their rights and promote their representation in STI. The STIP will lead to the establishment of a National STI Observatory that will act as a central repository for all kinds of data related to and generated from the STI ecosystem. It will encompass an open centralised database platform for all financial schemes, programmes, grants and incentives existing in the ecosystem.

# South Sudan hit by floods

**DISASTER**

OLD FANGAK, SOUTH SUDAN: On a scrap of land surrounded by flooding in South Sudan, families drink and bathe from the waters that swept away latrines and continue to rise. Some 1 million people in the country have been displaced or isolated for months by the worst flooding in memory, with the intense rainy season a sign of climate change. The waters began rising in June, washing away crops, swamping roads and worsening hunger and disease in the young nation struggling to recover from civil war. Now famine is a threat.

On a recent visit by *AP* to the Old Fangak area in hard-hit Jonglei state, parents spoke of walking for hours in chest-deep water to find food and health care as malaria and diarrheal diseases spread. Regina Nyakol Piny, a mother of nine, now lives in a primary school in the village of Wangchot after their home was swamped.

"We don't have food here, we rely only on UN humanitarian agencies or by collecting firewood and selling it," she said.

**LIGHT SHOW**

Dubai celebrates the New Year by reflecting India's national flag on the Burj Khalif in the United Arab Emirates on Friday | PTI

**FACT OF THE MATTER**

## Tesla's Model Y on sale

**TECH**

A Tesla's Model Y, built in China, goes on sale starting from January and is expected to begin delivery the same month. On January 7, 2020, the United States electric carmaker launched a project to manufacture Model Y vehicles in the Shanghai gigafactory, its first overseas plant outside the US. On Thursday, Tesla opened its largest supercharger station worldwide, with 72 charging piles set up in the Jing'an District of Shanghai. As of the end of 2020, the automaker has built more than 600 supercharger stations in China, the Xinhua news agency reported. The company also plans to build a supercharger manufacturing factory in Shanghai, which is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2021.

## Woolly rhino in Siberia

**WILDLIFE**

A well-preserved Ice Age woolly rhino with many of its internal organs still intact has been recovered from permafrost in Russia's extreme north. Russian media reported that the carcass was revealed by melting permafrost in Yakutia in August. Scientists are waiting for ice roads in the Arctic region to become passable to deliver it to a lab for studies next month. It's among the best-preserved specimens of the Ice Age animal found to date. The carcass has most of its soft tissues still intact, including part of the intestines, thick hair and a lump of fat. Recent years have seen discoveries of mammoths, woolly rhinos, Ice Age foal, and cave lion cubs.

**WEIGHT & WATCH**

# *How metabolism influences the number of calories one burns every day*

**HEALTH**

MISSISSIPPI: It's a common dieter's lament: "Ugh, my metabolism is so slow, I'm never going to lose any weight." When people talk about a fast or slow metabolism, what they're really getting at is how many calories their body burns as they go about their day. The idea is that someone with a slow metabolism just won't use up the same amount of energy to do the same task as does someone with a fast metabolism.

But does the speed of metabolism really vary all that much from person to person? I'm a nutrition scholar who focuses on the biological, environmental and socioeconomic factors that influence body composition. This question is trickier than it might first seem — and whatever the current speed of your metabolism, there are things that will nudge it into lower or higher gears.

### Body's energy needs

Metabolism is a biological term that refers to all the chemical reactions needed to maintain life in an organism. Your metabolism accomplishes three main jobs: converting food into energy; breaking down food into its building blocks for protein, lipid, nucleic acid and some carbohydrate; and eliminating nitrogen wastes.

If you're agonising over the speed of your metabolism, you're probably focused on how much energy you're getting from the foods you eat and how much your body is using. The energy value of a food is measured in calories.

Your caloric needs can be divided into two categories. Basal metabolic rate is the minimum amount of calories required for basic functions at rest. Resting energy expenditure is the amount of calories you body use while resting or sleeping – about 60-65 per cent of your total energy expenditure. It doesn't take into account the calories you'd need to power everything else you do – moving around, or activity energy expenditure, thinking, even digesting food. So your total energy expenditure combines the two: your resting energy expenditure plus your energy expenditures for other activities.

### Coming up with a number

The estimated daily caloric intake needs for an adult woman of 126 pounds range from 1,600 to 2,400 calories per day. For a man of 154 pounds, daily calorie needs can range from about 2,000 to 3,000 calories per day. That's about 11-14 calories per pound of body weight.

In contrast, infants burn about 50 calories per pound of weight per day. This requirement continuously decreases as the child ages. So infants have the highest metabolism of all. This extra calorie requirement is necessary for growth.

Beyond those rough guideline ranges, there are many ways to estimate resting and total energy expenditure if one wants to figure out their body's specific calorie needs.

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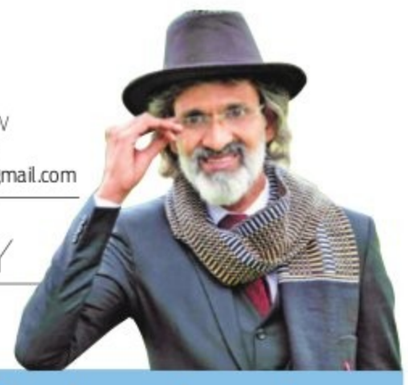
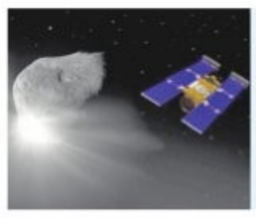




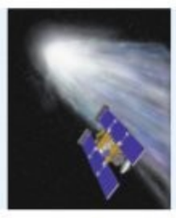
**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Collecting samples*

On this day in 2004, the Stardust spacecraft successfully made a close flyby of comet Wild-2, collecting comet & interstellar dust in a substance called aerogel

**THE PROGRAMME**

Stardust was the fourth of NASA's Discovery programme of low-cost exploration missions and the first American mission dedicated solely to studying a comet



**BACK TO EARTH**

After a 2.9 billion-mile (4.63 billion-kilometer) trip lasting more than two years, on January 15, 2006, Stardust's Sample Return Capsule (SRC) separated from the main vehicle and entered Earth's atmosphere

**NAME OF THE COMET**

Comets are usually named for their discoverer(s) or for the name of the observatory/telescope used in the discovery. Since Paul Wild discovered this comet, it is named for him

*Check out the review of Rajatantra*

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# PLAN OF ACTION

MENAKA RAMAN

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Raise your hand if you grammed a smirky post asking if you should buy a 2021 planner or not?

I didn't bother asking anyone, I went right ahead and bought one for myself, even though my 2020 edition is currently in a box marked 'Things that make me sad', along with a pair of yoga pants I fit into in March, which somehow became two sizes too small for me in May. This may or may not be connected to my part-time, unpaid job as a chocolate mug cake tasting consultant, a role I created for myself mid April.

I think we all had that moment in 2020 when we kind of stopped caring. For me it was the Sad sack Sunday when I woke up, logged into Slack, and waited for my team for an hour before I realised no one else was there except HR chat bot Sunita. See, I thought it was Monday.

And yet even after months of online school, working from home, socialising on Zoom and grocery shopping dressed like an extra from *Contagion part 2*, I am excited about the idea of 2021. There is something wonderfully irresistible about the idea of a new year. Hope blooms. Possibilities seem boundless. I may possibly be a little hungover and confusing heartburn for hope. Who knows?

So as we stand here on the cusp of 360-odd blank days to fill with achievements, plans and ideas, what should we do?

My advice: nothing.

From my social media feed it looks like you all have knocked the ball out of the park in 2020 in terms of personal projects and achievements. From the number of the Duolingo report cards being shared y'all have learned Spanish, Japanese and French (which I learned watching *Emily in Paris*, just saying.) You've baked every possible kind of bread, fermented the shit out of everything that can possibly be fermented and made it into a Kombucha, you've upcycled your mother's wedding reception sari into a chic winter bed for your cat (neither your mother or your cat appreciated the effort, but hey, you can't please everyone right?), you listened to every podcast on Spotify, perfected unsupported headstands, attended every Zoom webinar conducted by a non-profit, tweet bombed in support of a number of worthy social media campaigns and finally learned how to solve time and distance problems from grade 7 ICSE syllabus. You started an OTG. You finally learned what OTG stands for. You even mastered the art of giving yourselves haircuts. Well done.

Buy your 2021 planner and look at all those empty days, weeks and months and leave them empty. Do nothing. Rest on your sourdough starter laurels. It's okay. Really. Welcome to the blissful dark side.

Qapla' of a different kind awaits.

(Qapla' is Klingon for success by the way. I hear there's a Duolingo course starting soon. I didn't sign up. Really.)

***(The writer is a city-based author and communications professional)***

## PLANT-BASED DIETS TO BE THE TREND

ASLAM GAFOOR

Health will remain in focus, and sustainable food choices will rule the roost while the restaurant industry will disrupt conventional business models. Plant-based diets will trend this year, perfect to ward off infection. While plant intake in India is centuries-old, companies such as Vegolution plan to offer plant-derived, protein-forward, ready-to-eat and cook products. Think, faux meat patties, plant-based cheeses, veg seafood, vegan jerky bites and mock seitan. Beyond remedial gulps of kadhas and kashayams, 2021 will see nutritious herbs, spices and veggies sauteed, grilled, pickled and cooked in all-day meal recipes ensuring daily dose of vitamins.

Fermented foods which aid digestion and boost weight-loss will gain a broader acceptance. Watch out for Bengaluru-based Kobo Fermentary, Mountain Bee Kombucha, Mossant Fermentary, Sour House and Sattva Fermentary with their tempeh, natto, kefir, sauerkraut, miso and kimchi. Extended work/ study-from-home hours made snacking the best fillers between virtual calls, and 2021 will see us munching chips, chaats, sweets, samosas and chai from Samosa Party, Street Box and Plus 91.

On the beverage front, botanical-rich gin will forge new grounds, and freshly-brewed craft beer will be available as takeaway in growlers. Coffee drinkers will herald the oncoming of coffee micro-lots, produced with the same finesse as wines, by Maverick & Farmer, KC Roasters, Classic Coffees, Black Baza Coffee and Coffee Mechanics.

The market share of cloud kitchens will soar from 13 per cent to 30 per cent this year, as per a Dineout report, which adds that F&B takeaway and delivery will grow by 15 per cent and 30.5 per cent, respectively. The home-chef universe will grow exponentially, and as a result of the burgeoning delivery space, environment-friendly food packaging will see innovative products.

***(The author is a city-based hospitality professional, food lover and travel enthusiast)***

ROLL UP 2021 ROLL IN

From healthy food choices to making upcycling cool again and cherishing relationships, *CE* columnists chalk out the trends that are likely to drive 2021

# OUT, ABOUT & ONWARD

Illustration: AMIT BANDRE

## MINT, LILAC, SORBET COLOURS TO RULE

SARAYU HEGDE

Structured dress from Notebook

As WFH continues to be the way of life, styles which are easy, functional and comfortable will be the key sartorial choice for 2021. Mint, lilac, sorbet colours which are soothing to the eye after a crazy 2020, and easy separates, overlays, co-ords – an over all relaxed look – will set the tone for Spring-Summer 2021. Couture designers like Varun Bahl, and Falguni and Shane have introduced pret line to their collection to cater to the current mood and need of the consumer.

The pandemic has made us reflect on our consumption habits and how we can show our core values through our fashion choices. With the rise of a more conscious consumer, environment-friendly, sustainable garments are trends which will go beyond 2021. Upcycling has been one of the biggest trends embraced by designers for their Spring Summer 2021 collections. Making upcycling cool again, luxury brands like Coach, Marni and Balenciaga are leading the way by introducing patchwork jackets made from waste fabric, and bags and garments refashioned from previous collections or repurposing pre-loved textile .

With consumers looking inwards and a growing support for 'vocal for local', home-grown brands will be on the rise. Small businesses, conscious brands supporting a circular economy, and local crafts and artisans is what a consumer will seek.

***(The author is a lifestyle consultant and mindful fashion advocate)***

MAHESH NATARAJAN

## Conscious connections

The churn of 2020 has left us in unusual places and positions where we needed to reinvent ourselves, what we considered work or work spaces, and, experienced depths of loneliness and loveliness. Many suffered and continue to do so for lack of opportunity, losses and anxiety. We are conscious of privilege of health, ability, access and other social factors, like never before in decades. This year has helped recognise how fragile life is and to be grateful, while also looking out as we can for each other.

After living 2020 in little islands, people in relationships have been checking in on why they are in this relationship, what they need from each other and how they can take responsibility for what they want. People living on their own have similarly moved as well in terms of whether and what relationships will work for them.

Going ahead, in 2021 and onwards, we should see more conscious connections, more awareness that relationships are good when they work for everyone in it, that being on one's own is better than being in toxic relationships, and finally, that the most rewarding and lasting relationship is with oneself. Love is not guaranteed for anyone. When it is there, it is to be cherished.

***(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)***

## Open-air venues will be preferred

HRIDAY RANJAN

Personally, 2020 was proof that being a 'Jack of all trades' isn't necessarily a bad thing. As a film critic, there were very few releases through the year. However, OTT platforms provided a much-needed alternative for people who wanted something more than masala blockbusters. It also gave film critics the luxury of avoiding traffic, while enjoying movies at home.

Stand-up comedy as an industry was nearly wiped out with the pandemic. We had to contend with online shows, where the audience would lie down like Arab sheikhs! 2021 for stand-up comedy will be a tentative year. Open-air venues will be preferred. Since I never had a string of fans clamouring for a selfie, it wouldn't be much of a loss for me, personally.

Since stand-up comedy depends largely on the reaction of the audiences, it will be interesting to see if their laughter can come through from their masks. It will tip-toe back to normalcy gingerly in the year 2021. Last year has taught us that laughter might well be the best medicine, but a vaccine and mask are a must!

***(The author is a stand-up comedian)***

## FITNESS IN FOCUS

SHWETAMBARI SHETTY

One of the many things 2020 has taught us is that being fit and healthy does help in fighting an illness or disease a little more. Apart from workouts becoming big in 2020, we saw a lot of people start their fitness journey. Covid-19 has brought fitness into focus.

In 2021, fitness and health will become a priority for most people. Exercise builds better immunity and now we all have a reason to exercise regularly. Workout at home or online workouts will continue to be popular. The choices for online workouts, trainers, equipment are plenty, even more than offline. And working out from home is comfortable and convenient for a lot of people, and less intimidating. Online workouts/ apps will trend in 2021. As the approach goes more towards holistic health, a lot of emphasis will be given to nutrition. Building immunity and maintaining good health is a combination of food and exercise, creating a demand for healthy food services and nutrition counselling.

What this pandemic also left behind is a dire need for mental fitness. With work from home continuing, there will be a lot of focus on mental health in the form of meditation, counselling, and workouts like dance fitness that are bust stress and enhance the mood.

***(The author is a fitness expert with Cure.Fit)***

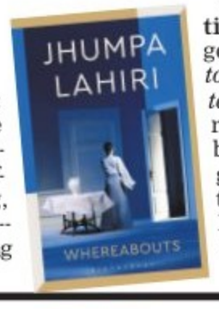
VR FEROSE

## DOOM TO DOMINATE

Binge-watchers are suffering online fatigue, and with Covid-19 curtailing movie production, they're reaching for books instead. With a bumper year ahead for authors and readers alike, here are some trends for 2021:

**Apocalyptic fiction:** Reflecting 2020 gloom, the theme of doom will continue to dominate.

**Sci-fi dystopian novels:** A popular genre last year, it is set to attract a whole new set of readers.




**Hope prevails:** There will be more titles reflecting optimism. Books that offer comfort reading, self-care and health -- besides bread-baking and romance.

**Narrative non-fiction:** A rapidly growing genre. Bill Gates's *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* is expected next February. *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson, on gene editing, promises to be a bestseller. George Floyd's murder sparked huge interest in antiracism, and many 'minority' authors will debut.

**More women authors:** Two highly anticipated titles are, in fiction, Jhumpa Lahiri's *Whereabouts*, and in non-fiction, Gayle Tzemach Lemmon's *The Daughters of Kobani*.

***(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)***

## WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

### LET YOUR SKIN SHINE

Auravedic, a natural beauty brand, presents Nalpamaradi Thailam. Nalpamaradi is a traditional ingredient used as a beauty enhancer. When blended with oil, it creates a luminous effect on the skin. Suitable for all skin types, Nalpamaradi Thailam can be used day or night. Priced at ₹350 for 100 mL **Available at:** https://auravedic.com/

### PLAY TIME

Catch Shravana Naatakotsava, a five-day theatre festival by Adamya Ranga Samskruthi. **When:** January 4 to 8, 6pm **Where:** CR Simha Samskruthika Vedike, Jnanabharathi Layout 1st stage

### PAYING TRIBUTE

Theatre for Change in association with Alliance Francaise de Bangalore will be staging a physical memorial event to celebrate the work of communist playwright Safdar Hashmi. **When:** Jan. 2, 2021 **Where:** Alliance Francaise

### FESTIVE COLLECTION

Jaypore has launched their festive collection, which includes handcrafted leather jutti is at `1,890; Nandi handcrafted antique gold dhokra tabletop accent at `9,592; a maroon embroidered linen kurta with bead work at `6,291; and a purple handloom Maheshwari Kalidar kurta with contrast border and slip at `6,392. **Available at:** www.jaypore.com and in-store

**British-Pakistani writer Moni Mohsin is back with a new book, *The Impeccable Integrity of Ruby R.* DETAILS: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org**

### Happy in the tummy

Try out a variety of flavoured rices at the 'Biryani & Pulao Collection'. The new menu has been introduced at a price range of ₹625 to ₹825. **Where:** ITC Hotels. **Details:** 080-61401227, 080-61401205

### A feast to remember

This Bengali restaurant has curated a special New Year's day lunch buffet. The Anglo-Mughlai lunch buffet will offer star dishes from both the cuisines that Kolkata has always celebrated this day with. **Where:** Esplanade **Price:** ₹1,194

### Nourish your skin and hair

Bare Anatomy, a personalised haircare brand, brings a nourishing range for hair and skin that includes shea butter for soothing and repairing, aloe vera gel for hydrating and moisturising, argan oil for strengthening and anti-ageing. With the best of botanical extracts, this exotic range is the saving grace to gift a spa-like experience at home. Priced at `2,750. **For details, visit:** bareanatomy.in

### Shop till you drop

This holiday season shop till you drop as Express Avenue brings to you its End of Season Sale. Brands across Express Avenue would be offering up to 70% discount, **till January 17, 2021**. To add to the delight of the shoppers, prizes worth `50 lakh would be given away under various contests.

### Velammal's own Margazhi utsav

Velammal School is set to host Digital Margazhi Utsav 2020 , featuring sessions by popular singers Srinivas, Anuradha Sriram, Nithyashree Mahadevan, Shravan, Sai Charan and many others. The festival will be live-streamed at 6 pm till January 5. **Watch it at:** Velammal Nexus YouTube channel.

### Celebration in a cup

Starbucks launches its limited-edition beverages, food and merchandise with a message to spread joy and #CarryTheMerry. The menu includes Jolly Baked Apple Latte, Crunchy Hat Mocha, Salted Dark Caramel, Carrot Cake, and special merchandises. They **will be available** at all outlets until January 5.

### Spread on your bread

WeikFIELD introduces a new range of natural fruit preserves from St.Dalfour, to give you the perfect and healthiest addition to your breakfast. St Dalfour preserves are a perfect topping for waffles and pancakes, and it makes smoothies healthier as well. They are 100% natural with no added sugar or preservatives. The fruit preserves come in eight flavours – Strawberry, Orange, Four Fruits, Raspberry, Cranberry, Black Cherry, Blueberry and Apricot. **For details, visit:** https://www.weikfield.com/fruit-preserves

## QUICK FIX

### What's cooking

**IN YOUR KITCHEN?**
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

### BELL PEPPER PALAK

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Palak:** 1 bunch
- **Red capsicum:** 1
- **Onion:** 1
- **Methi leaves:** Handful
- **Gongura leaves:** Handful
- **Green chillies:** 4
- **Garlic:** 4 pods
- **Ginger:** 1 small piece
- **Nutmeg:** a small piece
- **Jeera:** 1 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Oil** to cook
- **Salt** to taste

**METHOD**

- Cook palak and gongura leaves for five minutes in three glasses of boiling water. Remove from water and let it cool.
- Take oil in a pan and sauté onion, chilli, ginger, garlic and nutmeg till the onion changes; keep aside.
- Sauté jeera, capsicum and turmeric in some oil. Add a little salt and let it cook. Meanwhile, make a paste out of the cooked greens (with added salt). Add the paste to the cooked capsicum and let it boil for five minutes.
- Serve with rice or roti.

**— Akila Thiyagarajan, Bengaluru**

## FIT BIT

### BHUNAMANASANA

(GREETING THE EARTH POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'bhu' implies the 'earth', and 'naman' means 'prostrate' or 'salute', and 'asana' means 'posture' or 'seat'. Hence, it simply means 'Greeting or Prostrating to the Mother Earth'. Any pose where the body is flat on the floor with the face down is equivalent of prostrating. It is considered a traditional Hatha Yoga posture. It is also known as the 'spinal twist prostration pose'. It is a seated asana, in which the spine is twisted in an effort to reach the torso to the floor behind, with the face and palms down. Practising this pose creates a sense of surrender to Mother Earth.

**STEPS**

- Sit with the legs extended and back upright, hands resting on the thighs. Sitting bones should be rooted to the floor, feet flexed.
- Inhale, lift the arms parallel to the legs, and lengthen through the spine.
- Then exhale to lean the body back slightly and twist to the left.
- Now, place the palms down on the floor behind you, bending at the elbows to lower the forehead toward the floor. Maintain length through the spine as you do this.
- Allow the breath to guide you deeper into the pose. With an exhale, surrender the upper body closer to the earth.
- While in the pose, be sure not to lift the buttocks or hips from the floor.
- Inhale to come out of the twist, lifting the body upright and extending the arms parallel to the legs.
- Exhale to return to the starting position.
- This completes one round on the left side. The same steps should be followed on the right side.

**BENEFITS**

- Strengthens and improves flexibility of the lumbar and thoracic part of the spine.
- Strengthens the quadriceps muscles.
- Corrects alignment of the hip joints.
- Improves the flexibility of the shoulders and the neck.
- Regular practise improves digestion.
- Improves functions of internal organs.
- Improves a sluggish and fatty liver.
- Helps reduce belly fat while toning the abdominal muscles.
- Works mainly on the thyroid gland.
- Opens the Third Eye Chakra or Ajna Chakra.

**LIMITATIONS**

- This pose should be avoided by pregnant women, those with injuries in the lumbar region of the spine, hernia or slipped disc.
- Those suffering from ulcers in stomach, spondylitis, injury of the lumbar spine or the sacrum, migraine, blood pressure and hernia, should avoid this.

*– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*

## SOUND BOARD

### HOW TO SAVE A PLANET

From global warming to climate crises, journalist Alex Blumberg and scientist Ayana Elizabeth Johnson talk to people who are making a difference by asking hard questions to build the future we want.

- On Apple Podcasts

### THE SPLENDID TABLE

With food journalist Francis Lam at the helm, this podcast offers fresh voices and surprising conversations at the intersection of food, people and culture – covering everything from the global appeal of sesame to the impact of Instagram on everyday eating.

- On Spotify

### THE CUT

The Cut is a weekly audio magazine exploring culture, style, sex, politics and more. Each week, an ensemble of voices, led by host Avery Trufelman, engages in the conversations that matter most in the current moment.

- On Spotify

### DARE TO LEAD WITH BRENE BROWN

Dare to Lead podcast is based on author Brene Brown's book under the same name. The episodes will feature conversations with change-catalysts, culture-shifters, and as many troublemakers as possible.

- On Apple Podcasts

### SCIENCE VS

There are a lot of fads, blogs and strong opinions, but then there's also Science. Science Vs finds out what's the fact, what's not, and what's somewhere in between

- On Spotify

## POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

### TAMARAI NENJAM

Story of a woman who falls in love with a man who's in love with her friend. She sacrifices her love and writes weekly stories in a magazine about her own life. Will she be able to find love in the end? Will her character in the story be able to find love?

- Cast: Gemini Ganesan, Saroja Devi, Nagesh

### KOTIGOBBA 2

A real estate agent disguises himself as a robber and loots wealthy people. When the police begin the investigation, he tries to convince them that his identical twin brother is the culprit.

- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Nithya Menen

### VAJRAKAYA

Viraj, an orphan adopted at a young age, discovers that his mother and grandfather are still alive. Soon, he embarks on a journey to meet his mother, who lives under the tyranny of her father.

- Cast: Shivarajkumar, Nabha Natesh, Karunya Ram

### RAMA RAMA RE

An escaped death row convict ends up taking a road trip with an old man on a personal mission and a young couple trying to elope.

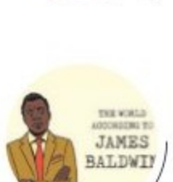
- Cast: Dharamanna Kadur, Nataraj S Bhat

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

## WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

### 1 MATH JOKES EXPLAINED

It's not your typical knock-knock joke – these funny jests will tickle your imaginary numbers and teach you a thing or two about mathematics. So, for starters, "There are 10 types of people in the world..."



### 2 MYSTERIES OF VERNACULAR: YANKEE BY JESSICA ORECK AND RACHAEL TEEL

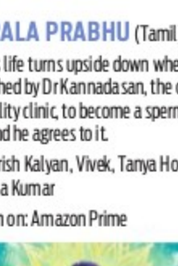
The origins of the word yankee are unclear, though its usage in America as a pejorative is well-documented. Jessica Oreck and Rachael Teel track the varying levels of contempt that the word yankee has elicited from the pre-Revolution era to today.

### 3 HOW I'M USING LEGO TO TEACH ARABIC BY GHADA WALI

After a visit to a European library in search of Arabic and Middle Eastern texts turned up only titles about fear, terrorism and destruction, Ghada Wali resolved to represent her culture in a fun, accessible way. Result: a colourful, engaging project that uses LEGO to teach Arabic script.

### 4 NOTES OF A NATIVE SON: THE WORLD ACCORDING TO JAMES BALDWIN BY CHRISTINA GREER

What made writer James Baldwin loom so large in the imaginations of both the public and the authorities? Christina Greer explores the life and works of James Baldwin.



### 5 ARCHITECTURE THAT'S BUILT TO HEAL BY MICHAEL MURPHY

Architecture is more than a clever arrangement of bricks. In this eloquent talk, Michael Murphy shows how he and his team look far beyond the blueprint when they're designing. Considering factors from airflow to light, theirs is a holistic approach that produces community as well as (beautiful) buildings.

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

### TANHAJI (Hindi)

Tanhaji, a Maratha warrior, is Shivaji Maharaj's trusted lieutenant. When the Mughals invade and conquer Kondhana fort, he sets out to reclaim it for his king and country.

Cast: Kajol, Ajay Devgn, Saif Ali Khan, Neha Sharma

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

### NOTA (Tamil)

After a chief minister is charged with corruption, he is forced to pass the baton to his son. The young man, with no political experience, soon finds himself stuck to the chair for a longer time.

Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Mehereen Kaur Pirzada, Yashika Anand, Nassar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### URVI (KANNADA)

After getting tricked into working at a brothel, a medical student joins forces with two of her co-workers to fight their unscrupulous exploiters. Cast: Sruthi Hariharan, Shraddha Srinath, Shweta Pandit

- Watch on: Netflix

### COOLIE NO 1 (Hindi)

After being insulted by a rich businessman, pandit Jai Kishen teaches him a lesson by getting his daughter married to Raju, a coolie posing as a millionaire.

Cast: Varun Dhawan, Sara Ali Khan, Paresh Rawal, Sahil Vaid, Javed Jaffery

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### OOZHAM (Malayalam)

After he witnesses his entire family getting murdered over a video call, Surya decides to avenge their deaths. His fiancee, Gayathri, who is mourning the death of her brother, is ready to help him.

Cast: Neetaj Madhav, Divya Pillai, Seetha, Prithviraj Sukumaran

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

### DHARALA PRABHU (Tamil)

Prabhu's life turns upside down when he is approached by Dr Kannadasan, the owner of a fertility clinic, to become a sperm donor and he agrees to it.

Cast: Harish Kalyan, Vivek, Tanya Hope, Anupama Kumar

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

### RAJA VAARU RANI GAARU (Telugu)

Raju falls in love with Rani but is unable to express his emotions.

Cast: Kiran Abbavaram, Rahasya Gorak, Divya Narni, Rajkumar Kasireddy, Yazurved Gurram

- Watch on: Amazon Prime

## FOREIGN

### PETE'S DRAGON

Pete Healy, an orphan, travels with Grace, a ranger, to find his friend Elliot, a green dragon with wings, after he disappears from the forest.

Cast: Bryce Dallas Howard, Oakes Fegley, Robert Redford, Oona Laurence, Wes Bentley

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

### CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Notorious con artist Frank Abagnale has duped people worth millions of dollars with his masterful art of deception. With his scams getting bolder, he is soon pursued by FBI agent Carl Hanratty.

Cast: Leonard DiCaprio, Tom Hanks, Amy Adams, Martin Sheen

- Watch on: Netflix

### BACK TO THE FUTURE

Marty travels back in time using an eccentric scientist's time machine. However, he must make his high-school-aged parents fall in love in order to return to the present.

Cast: Michael J Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Claudia Wells, Crispin Glover

- Watch on: Netflix

### SOUL

Ever wonder where your passion, your dreams and your interests come from? What is it that makes you... YOU? Pixar Animation Studios takes you on a journey from the streets of New York City to the cosmic realms to discover the answers to life's most important questions.

Cast: Graham Norton, Rachel House, Richard Ayoade, Tina Fey, Jamie Foxx

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

**SUBSCRIPTION**

**Netflix:** ₹ 199 per month
**Amazon Prime:** ₹ 129 per month
**Disney+Hotstar:** ₹ 399 per year

# CLEAN SLATE

Loads of food, fun and laughter marked the run-up to the New Year. Here, chefs suggest some quick recipes to detox after a week of festive eating

## DETOX GREEN SMOOTHIE

**Ingredients**

- Banana - 1
- Pineapple peeled and cut-1 cup (120 gm)
- Baby spinach - 1 cup (60 gm)
- Mint leaves - 4 sprigs

**Method**

- Peel and cut the banana and keep aside
- Wash the baby spinach leaves and mint leaves.
- Add the above to the peeled and cut pineapple in a blender and blend it till it is a fine puree to a pourable consistency.
- Serve chilled.

*-Akshraj Jodha, executive chef, ITC Windsor*

## SALMON TIKKA WITH BUTTERMILK AND DILL ESPUMA

**Ingredients**

- Atlantic salmon fillet:200g
- Ginger garlic paste: 5g
- Cream: 10ml
- Coriander leaves: 5g
- Hung curd: 10ml
- Chaat masala: 5g
- Dill leaves: 10gm
- Kashmiri mirch: 10gm
- Oil: 10ml
- Cashewnut Paste: 10gm
- Cumin Powder: 5g
- Salt: to taste

**Method**

- Cut the salmon into 50-60 grams, and marinate it with salt, ginger garlic paste, chopped dill leaves.
- Take a bowl, add hung curd, red chilly, oil, dill leaves, cashew nut paste, cumin powder, salt, ginger garlic paste.
- Mix the salmon into the marination and cooked it in the tandoor and served with buttermilk foam.

**For buttermilk foam**

- Blend curd, ginger, coriander, salt, cumin powder and water.
- Then make it warm and add lecithin to make the foam.
- Gently blend it with hand blender and make the foam.

*-Chef Sanjay Tyagi, partner and chef, Northwest kebab & Curryhouse*

## KALE & FIG SALAD

**Ingredients**

- Haricot beans: 5-6 pcs
- Fresh figs: 2 nos cut into 4
- Curly kale leaves: 6 to 7 leaves
- Lolorosso lettuce: 5-6 leaves
- Red radish: 1 no thinly sliced
- Sunflower seeds: 1tsp
- Pumpkin seeds: 1 tsp
- Fresh cherry mozzarella: 1 tbsp
- Sourdough croutons: 4-6 dices
- Mustard micro greens: to garnish
- Balsamic reduction: 1 tbsp

**For Maple Hazelnut Dressing**

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| White wine vinegar | 2 tbsp |
| Dijon mustard | 1 tbsp |
| Maple syrup | 1 tbsp |
| Chopped hazelnuts | 1 tsp |
| Hazelnut oil | 2 tbsp |
| Sea salt | 1 tsp |
| Cracked pepper | 1 tsp |

**Method**

1. Wash all green lettuce in chilled water, drain the water and keep aside.
2. Make thin slices of cherry mozzarella, cut fresh figs into wedges, cut sourdough bread into uniform dices, sprinkle olive oil and paprika toast them in oven for few minutes.
3. In a mixing bowl, whisk white wine, vinegar, Dijon mustard, maple syrup. Add hazelnut oil, salt, black pepper, hazelnuts.
4. In another bowl, add mixed crunchy lettuce, fresh figs, haricot beans, and sliced mozzarella cheese. Drizzle the dressing and toss them.
5. To plate, put haricot, topped with dressed lettuce, figs, croutons, mozzarella
6. Finish the salad by adding sliced red radish, toasted pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, mustard micro greens to garnish.
7. Drizzle salad with balsamic reduction

*-Chef Utkarsh Bhalla , Brand Executive Chef, Sly Granny*

## YOGURT TRIFLE

**Ingredients**

- Plant-based curd: 1 cup
- Jaggery powder/ date paste: 1-2 tbsp
- Chiku, pomegranate, banana, strawberry, mango etc as per choice: 1/2 cup mixed fruits chopped
- Granola or crunchy muesli: 1/4 cup
- Mint leaves: to garnish

**Method**

- Stir the jaggery/date into the curd.
- Divide the mixed fruits into glasses/bowls.
- Pour in the set curd mixture.
- Top it up with the granola.
- Garnish with mint leaves.

*-Nidhi Nahata, founder , Justbe Resto Cafe*

## MORNING SUNSHINE WITH LEMON

**Ingredients**

- Carrots: 2
- Kale leaves: 3
- Celery stalks: 2
- Cucumber: 2
- Turnip: 1
- Spinach: ½ bunch
- Cabbage: ½
- Parsley: ½ bunch
- Onion: ½
- Garlic cloves: 2
- Lemon: ½

**Method**

- Wash all the ingredients and sanitise properly
- Mix them all together and grind them to a smooth juice in juicer with a hint of salt.
- Sip slowly and enjoy!

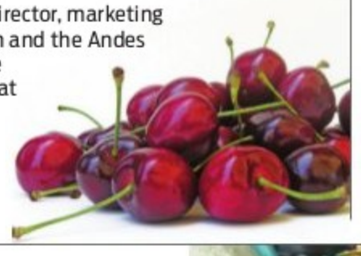
*- Chef Prashant - Raahi Neo Kitchen & Bar*

## NUGGETS

### JUICY CHERRIES FROM CHILE ARRIVE IN NAMMA BENGALURU

Red, juicy and nutritious cherries from Chile have hit the Bengaluru market. The Chilean Cherry Committee of the Chilean Fruit Exporters' Association, alongside the Chilean Embassy in India and the office of the Chilean Trade Commission – ProChile, has launched the very first generic promotion campaign in India to introduce this fruit to health-conscious consumers. Juan Angulo M, Ambassador of Chile to India inaugurated a promotion campaign. Angulo remarked, "The Chilean cherries are prized for their flavour and superior quality and the country is one of the largest exporters of cherries in the world. The taste of the juicy, sweet pulp of these cherries are loved by consumers across the world and I am delighted to see them in India."

Speaking via a video call, Charif Christian Carvajal M, director, marketing Europe and Asia, ASOEX said, "The broad Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains create a paradise for cherry production. The differences between temperatures during the day and at night are particularly helpful for bringing out the wholesome flavours of Chilean cherries and assuring their good size and intense red colour. This season Chile is expected to export 316 thousand tons of fresh cherries worldwide."



Make your Sunday one to remember with yummy food memories. The Dineout SteppinOut Food Festival is back, and with a bang. From Ooey Gooey Brownies to smokin' hot kebabs and creamy pastas, there is food for everyone with different taste preferences.
**Where:** UB City
**When:** Jan 31, Noon onwards

## EVENTS

The world is a better place with good food. And now you can extend the New Year celebrations with some scrumptious sizzlers. **Where:** Brunchilly by Sarovar Portico Outer Ring Road **When:** till Jan 31

If chocolates are the answer to any and every issue, then this workshop is where you need to head. Dessert chef Manikantan will be taking an advanced chocolate making class to help you fine-tune your skill.
**When :** Jan. 17. More details on bookmyshow

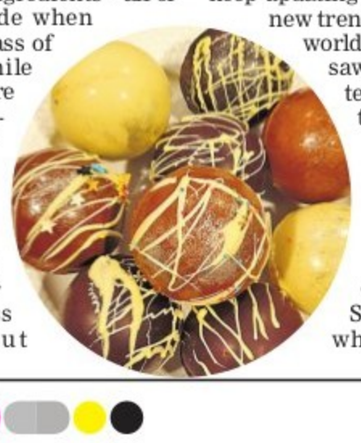
Learn to make your favourite dessert like truffles, fudges, layered chocolate, marble chocolate with Reema's Swad kitchen's online workshop. The class will focus on vegetarian and eggless chocolates.
**When :** Jan 5. More details on bookmyshow.com

# Hot favourite

Exploding with flavours are chocobombs, the latest beverage trending on social media

MONIKA MONALISA

The thought of drinking a glass of plain milk can bore most of us at some point. But Instagram has shown us how to make it a whole lot of fun with choco bombs. This sweet delight which has been trending among hot beverages comprises thick chocolate, marshmallows, spices to name a few ingredients – all of which explode when put into a glass of hot milk. While city bakers are experimenting with various flavours, mothers too are happy that this trend that has got their children less fussy about drinking milk.



One look at home-baker Seema Punjabi's Instagram page and there are several posts on how to prepare the choco bomb. "I am obsessed with chocobombs. It makes the hot chocolate ritual so much more fun," says Punjabi, who tried it for the first time a few weeks ago considering it as an upcoming trend. "Since I am a baker, I keep updating myself with the new trends in the dessert world. The first time I saw it was on Pinterest US, where this was a huge rage. So I decided to give it a try," says Punjabi, who make two flavours – Belgian Dark Chocolate, and Spiced Chocolate, which has spices like cinnamon.

Not just Punjabi, the trend has caught on with many non-bakers too. Mahima Mathur, a mother of a teenager, finds that chocobombs have turned out to be a huge help in making her son drink his daily dose of milk without any fuss. "The choco bombs have done the trick for me," says Mathur, whose son prefers the chocolate flavoured milk any day. Made with basic chocolate ingredients, what makes these flavoured bombs unusually delicious is the "drama that surrounds around," explains Mathur.

Shireen Jayanti

Speaking about the ingredients, these choco bombs are not too difficult to make, but need skilled hands to get its shape. "The biggest challenge is to temper the chocolate to bring it to the right temperature to ensure the right consistency. Apart from that, you can just add whatever flavours you want in it," says Shireen Jayanti, a communications professional, who makes three different flavours – dark, milk and white.

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# SAY BYE TO 'HANGXIETY'

PRATHIK SHETTY

The year 2020 has been quite a doozy, and it's only fair that we ended the year with a banger. And if that means having to borrow a few hours from the next day to deal with the infamous hangover, I have some suggestions for you. If you're continuing the New Year party into the weekend, here are some hangover cures before Monday blues take over.

Some pre-party rituals that can save you the headache

- **Carbohydrates:** Line your stomach with a hearty meal, consisting of carbohydrates and good fats. A nice greasy meal will slow down the rate of alcohol absorption, and also keep your gut safe from acidity.
- **Hydrate:** You can't count enough benefits of drinking water. Take a sip or two between drinks and have a glass before going to bed to avoid the ill-effects of dehydration, caused by alcohol.
- **Don't mix:** Choose a poison and stay loyal to it through the night. Mixing liquors is not everyone's game and not recommended either, because each one has a different composition.
- Skip aerated drinks: Mixing aerated beverages with your liquor may make your drink tastier, but it will increase the rate at which your body absorbs alcohol because of the excessive sugar content. Choose fresh juices instead.
- Pace yourself: When drinking, have a good time. Sip and hold your drink to appreciate its refreshing taste. This will make sure you last the entire party, without unnecessary health reactions. And after all that, if the hangover bug still bites you, here are some comforting options:
- **Chamomile tea:** Drink some warm chamomile tea. It has a calming effect and will help reduce anxiety (or hangxiety). It will also help you get some much-needed sleep.
- **Bland foods:** Simple foods like toast and crackers may boost your blood sugar level, and settle your stomach, while soaking up the alcohol.
- **Ginger tea:** You can always rely on Indian home remedies. Lemon, mint leaves, tulsi, ginger, on their own or in tea can reduce the effects of alcohol, by reducing nausea and calming your digestive system.
- **Fresh fruits:** Some fresh fruits like apples, watermelons and oranges can help you re-energise. A glass of fruit juice can do the same. It replenishes essential minerals, which hydrate you.

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# A busy year ahead for Sandalwood

Here is a lowdown of the most anticipated Kannada films for the year, and what else to look forward to from the industry in 2021

A SHARADHAA

With Covid-19 taking over 2020, all eyes are on 2021 now, as we look forward to a gala entertainment year comprising big releases from stars as well as upcoming talents that are all set to cheer the Sandalwood audience over the next 12 months.

Quite a handful of star-studded films, which got spilled over from last year, are ready for release. The year is likely to begin with Dhruva Sarja's *Pogaru*, directed by Nanda Kishore, which producer BK Gangadhar is planning to bring to theatres soon. The actor will also be getting associated with Nanda Kishore for *Dubaari*, a film produced by Uday K Mehta, which will be the next one to look forward to this year.

Another film that will get released in the coming weeks is Duniya Vijay's *Salaga*. The film, produced by Srikanth, marks the directorial debut of the actor, and they are looking for a February release.

Had things gone as per plan, Darshan's *Roberrt*, directed by Tharun Kishore Sudhir, was set to be released on April 9. But it was pushed owing to the Covid-19 outbreak. It was one of the most anticipated films last year, and fans of the Challenging Star have been waiting to see their idol on the big screen. However, producer Umapathy has decided to make an official announcement about its release when the government permits 100 per cent occupancy in theatres. The film comes with a host of actors, including Jagapathi Babu, and marks the acting debut of Asha Bhat in Kannada cinema.

The same holds for Yash-starrer *KGF Chapter 2*. The magnum opus directed by Prashanth Neel also stars Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt and Raveena Tandon, It was initially scheduled to be out on Oct. 23, but had to be pushed due to the pandemic. The shooting of the pan-India has been wrapped up and the crew is at the recording stage now. Hombale Films has not announced the release date until now.

*Yuvarathnaa*, starring Puneeth Rajkumar, is another long-awaited film. It will be out on April 1, according to an official announcement that was made on New Year. The collaboration of Power Star with director Santhosh Anandram and producer Vijay Kiragandur, after their earlier film *Raajakumara*, has created a lot of hype, and fans are looking forward to watching the actor-director duo on the big screen again. Meanwhile, Puneeth Rajkumar is also busy shooting for *James*, a film directed by Chethan Kumar. So one can expect a double extravaganza from the Power Star this year.

It is going to be a double dhamaka from Sudeep as well. Having completed the shooting for *Kotigobba 3*, directed by Shiva Karthik, the actor is close to completing his next, *Phantom*. The team of the film directed by Anup Bhandari is currently in Kerala to shoot some crucial portions. Made under the banner of Shalini Arts, this was one of the first Indian films to go on floors after the lockdown was lifted.

Shivarajkumar is also all set to treat fans to a handful of films this year. These are currently in different stages of production. The first to arrive will be Harsha's *Bhajarangi 2*, for which Shivarajkumar has completed the shoot. He is currently shooting for Vijay Milton's *Shivappa*. The Century Star is also busy lining up his next couple of projects for the year.

Upendra is also a part of a handful of films. However, *Kabza* directed by R Chandru is one of the most expected films from the Real Star, which is likely to hit theatres this year.

It will also be a busy year for actor Sriimurali, who is close to completing the shooting for his upcoming film, *MadhaGaja* directed by Mahesh Kumar. Meanwhile, the actor has announced his next too, for which will be collaborating with director Suri for a story written by Prashanth Neel. The film will be produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the banner of Hombale Films. It will go on floors after he completes the shooting for *MadhaGaja*.

Ganesh, who began shooting for Mahesh Gowda's *Tribble Riding* post lockdown, is awaiting the release of the film this year. The Golden Star will soon start shooting for Yogaraj Bhat's *Gaalipata 2*. A film produced by Ramesh Reddy, it also includes Diganth and Pawan Kumar in the cast. Ganesh will follow it up with Suni's *Sakat*.

Rakshit Shetty's fans are already looking forward to his *777 Charlie*. The adventure romantic drama by Kiranraj has been creating hype with every update. Rakshit will begin shooting for *Sapta Sagaradaache Yello*, a film directed by Hemanth M Rao under the banner of Pushkar Films. Apart from these two, the actor also has in his bag a film directed by Rahul PA. He will be joining hands with Rishab Shetty for *Kirik Party 2* and is also getting ready to direct *PunyaKoti*.

Meanwhile, Rishab Shetty has been one of the busiest actor-directors in Sandalwood, and has two projects — *Garuda Gamana Vrisabha Vahana* directed by Raj B Shetty and Hero helmed by Bharath Raj -- ready for release. The actor is currently shooting for *Hari Kathe Alla Giri Kathe*. As for direction, he has *Rudraprayag*, starring Anant Nag, and *Kirik Party 2* in the pipeline.

Also coming up with a string of releases is Dhananjay. His upcoming projects include his production venture, *Badava Rascal*, and other movies like *Ratnan Prapancha*, *Monsoon Raaga*, and *Head Bush*. He will also be seen with Puneeth Rajkumar in *Yuvarathnaa*, and with Shivarajkumar in *Shivappa*. He is also part of Allu Arjun's *Pushpa*, and has a Tamil project in his to-do list.

Two actors who made news in 2020 – Pruthvi Ambaar and Krishna -- have also signed projects back to back. While Pruthvi Ambaar has completed the shooting of *Life is Beautiful, Sugarless*, he is currently busy with Shivarajkumar for *Shivappa*, and is getting to start his next to be directed by Darshan Apoorva. On the other hand, actor-director Krishna is getting ready with *Love Mocktail 2*. He is also working on *ShriKrishna@gmail.com*, directed by Nagashekar, which is half finished. He will next get busy with Deepak Aras's *Sugar Factory* that goes on floors this month.

Film lovers can also look forward to Suri's upcoming directorial, *Bad Manners* starring Abishek, and Pawan Wadeyar's *Raymo* starring Ishan. There is lot of entertainment coming from actors Prajwal Devaraj, Sathish Ninasam, Nikhil Kumaraswamy and Diganth too with a line-up of films.

As for the heroines, we will see Rachita Ram, Aditi Prabhu Deva, Ashika Ranganath and Sonal Monteiro, Haripriya, Srinidhi Shetty, and Asha Bhat scorching the silver screen. Last but not the least, many newcomers will aim to make a mark this year. While Dheeren Ramkumar will be seen in *Shiva 143*, Yuvrajkumar and Zaid Khan are making their debut with *Yuva Ranadheera Kanteerava* and Banaras, respectively.

# A soldier never dies, a film might

A SHARADHAA

It is said that 'Everyone should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page'. However, with *Rajatantra*, the first movie of 2021 to have a theatrical release, director PVR Swamy hasn't quite delivered something that is refreshing.

Raghavendra Rajkumar, in his role as a retired military officer, lifts up this jumbled drama that deals with immorality in society. His comeback performance shows his potential for such dramatic films to be made with him in the near future.

**RAJATANTRA**

**Producer:** Vijaybhaskar and P R Sridhar

**Cast:** RAghavendra Rajkumar, Doddanna, Ashwanth Ninasam, Ranjan Hassan and Venkatesh Prasad

**Director:** PVR Swamy

RATING 2.5/5

Coming to the story, Rajaram (Raghavendra Rajkumar), though retired from the Army, takes charge after constantly being infuriated with the rampant corruption around. The film touches upon relevant issues — drugs, gold prices, ammunition, police officers, politics, terrorism — and their interconnection. It also highlights how innocence is caught in the web of corruption, and its ultimate undesirable fate. So, will military rule help? That is left for the audience to analyse.

Cinematographer-turned-director Swamy's intention is applaudable, but he fails to develop any new ideas from his core concept. Due to the lack of ingenuity across departments like cinematography, editing, or music, Rajatantra fails to create an impact.

As for the actors, other than Raghavendra Rajkumar, senior actors Doddanna and Ashwath Ninasam, Ranjan Hassan, and Venkatesh Prasad play prominent roles. A few moments have Dr. Rajkumar scorching the screen, in a flashback scene from Parashurama, in which he played the role of an Army officer.

Overall, *Rajatantra* gives an insight into a certain Army officer's life, and how his patriotism remains intact even post-retirement. Although it might be easy to dismiss this film, it certainly had promise. There was a potential for the film to reach the necessary highs, but somehow, the makers lost their grip over the narrative, and ended up with a middling project.

# Sandeep Reddy Vanga's next stars Ranbir Kapoor

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Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga has announced his upcoming Hindi film with a teaser. Titled *Animal*, the crime drama will be fronted by Ranbir Kapoor. The cast also includes Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol and Parineeti Chopra.

The 1m 18sec teaser reveals the film's title and cast while a chilly voiceover plays. In it, we hear Ranbir's character talking to his dad, telling him to be reborn as his son in the next life. The unsettling monologue is preceded by a whistle and ends with the clatter of bullets.

*Animal* is produced by Bhushan Kumar and Krishan Kumar of T-Series along with Murad Khetani and Pranay Reddy Vanga. Sandeep's last film, *Kabir Singh*, was a blockbuster in 2019. He had previously directed Arjun Reddy in Telugu.

*Animal* is the fourth Ranbir Kapoor film to be excited for in 2021. The actor will also be seen in *Brahmastra*, *Shamshera* and Luv Ranjan's untitled next.